

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills
July 7/85-

Mr Watter Dean

Dear Sir

Having myself
gone over Frautvetter's tracing of
Salix rotundifolia I am prepared
to appreciate at a glance the
accuracy - "line for line" - of your
copy. Many thanks for the
kind favor which more than
makes good the loss of my
earlier sketch. I shall be only
too happy to serve you in
some way in return.

An all too brief visit from
Mr Bailey when he runs on his
way east is recalled as my
last meeting with a botanist -
so you may imagine how
few and far between devotees
of this "Amiable Science" are out
west.

Yours obliged
M. S. Lobb

926 Grant Ave

Rockford Ills

Jan 21/96

Mr Walter Deane

My dear Sir

After a

tiresome sickness - first time since
I was a boy that I have been
laid up for a day - and after
a long but by no means uncomfortable
period of convalescence here I am
- sitting out this am in an easy
chair before the open fire - with
nothing to do but get well and
precious little plus energy even
for that! The best I can do for
you now is to hang your letter on
a conspicuous hook where it can
not be overlooked and be, I hope when
I am a little stronger, and the
temperature of the attic in which
I have my duplicates stored has
~~raised~~ raised considerably from what
it is this morning - it will give
me pleasure to supply your
desiderata. S. alba it is not an
American plant. if I can send you

any specimens at all they will be
from Europe - And yet have you
noticed that *S. alba-virella* is
commonly perilled perfectly!
By what? Sometimes by *S. viridis*
(= *S. alba fragilis*) the male of which is
common enough - sometimes by
S. lucida - It follows that at any rate
all seedlings of *S. alba* in this country
must be mixed with something! And
mixed they are until the confusion
is ^{enough} ~~enough~~ to make a botanist
despair of ever seeing his way
through the tangled mess!

Is it so queer how a plant once
gotten into a popular flower will stick
there - Here is *Salix viminalis* for
instance! ^{Even} ~~And~~ in Halsted's little
flower appended to Miss Gossman's latest
book it is selected as one of the few
very common plants deserving a place
in such a ^{work} ~~volume~~ and yet in twenty
years experience I have never seen
a N. States grown specimen - except those
from my own Salicetum! ~~and~~ Indeed
the only specimen I have from N. Amer
was gathered (leaves only) in New Brun-
swick by Mr Allen - The truth is the

plants will not grow to amount to anything under our hot summer sun. It will set out in very early spring and make a vigorous bush of about six inches. Then the sun-heat will seem to act upon it like a persistent pinching in and for the rest of the season it will simply develop a tuft of deformed leaves at the tip of the earlier growth. I had several plants under cultivation at Fontainebleau which in ten years ~~which~~ ~~in ten years~~ did not attain a height of more than two feet! S. Smithiana (= S. caprea x viminialis) grows well enough.

I will also hope in due time to be able to send you several autograph letters such as you desire. I have kept my correspondence - or rather to tell the exact truth my wife has kept it for me - so that out of the earlier portion I may be able to make some selections including names not already represented in your collection. Other actual working botanists were so few and far between even twenty years ago

and every least one in communication
with Dr Gray, that I apprehend my
limited resources may be already
antecedent -

If you should feel
like making up a little package
for me sometime of your best
things - after your own judgment -
50 specimens or such a matter I
would enjoy the acquisition I believe
of the fresh materials - and by & by
make you a return in kind -
My impression is that I have *Spizantes*
simplex from Carby and Parker only
and would like more of it -

I had a letter on my table
ready to send Prof Coulter at Crawfordville.
As I do not know his Boston address
will you be so kind as to hand him
the enclosed -

My kindest regards to all the
botanical patriarchy by whom you are
happily surrounded - Enviably associated!!
I do not meet a real live botanist
once a year - No wonder I've about
got past the point of keeping
myself steamed up with so running all
alone -
Yours cordially
M. L. L.

Rockford Ills
Feb 19, '66

My dear Mrs Deane

Your little parcel
afforded me all the satisfaction
I had anticipated - with something
more - a surprise. I had thought
to reawaken just a bit the
old-time enthusiasm with which
fresh acquisitions from New England
were wont to be received. but I
was quite unprepared for Antonia's &
stellermania! Why I had never even
so much as heard of its proving
at Lynn - dear me! I am getting
out of the current that's evident.
If I don't look out first thing I
know I will drift into some
stagnant bayou and then
"rot" dull as the oozy weed.

Many thanks for all the nice
things you have sent me. I
hope in return to give you
a sitting up in Willows. When
the weather grows warmer and

I infer that Dr May
may purport of a
new edition of
Mass in form
part 1 of vol 1. Synk St. A. In this
this is completed:
or will be try to
finish the above
first

I grow stronger, those old bundles
in the attic will get such a
dusting as they have not received
in a year past.

I am glad Prof Coulter
is overhauling the *Hypericums* - May
he be rewarded with the consciousness
of having done good work - and if there
being lots more of the same sort
left - may he become an enthusiastic
devotee of botany in the broad
phrases which connect so directly
with systematic work.* I for one
have had about all I care the
stamp of the "Pond Scum" and their
conjugal relations" - the "new botany"
is a bore to me. The main facts
and their significance I learned
years ago - and a tiresome repetition
with slight variation. is to me
— well I won't say what. *Artemisia*
Stelleriana is too fresh a reminder
that I may be fast verging on
old foggyism without knowing
it. My very warmest regards to all
the botanical fraternity - yours
of course included
Affectionately J. L. B. B.

* and the Bot. Gazette get the full benefit thereof

P.S. Going down through a
pile of unanswered letters - that
is what I am conscientiously
doing this morning - I encounter
your favor of Jan 24th

I would be glad to send
you my photographs and to
get yours in return - only I
am just at present entirely
cleaned out. Besides my last
sitting dates so far back it
might prove of vanity for an
old chap past 80. with hair
growing conspicuously thin a-
to continue sending that out
as a picture of the veritable
M.D. In contra. I don't propose
to make the case against myself
too outrageously bad by facing the
camera before the effects of my
sickness have been overcome - so
please wait awhile - I have

no photos of the Gray Vane
and, gladly accept your kind
offer to send me them

My old friend Rev J. E. Blake
once wrote me "I never hesitate
to run in debt for plants" - but
whether he would have included
photos of Gray Vane or not I don't
know - Running in debt for plants,
in those days meant of course
a matter of exchange -

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Mar 11/16

My dear Mr Doane

About a fortnight
ago I felt the duty incumbent
upon me as a member of the
School board to inspect a new
High School building which was
nearly completed. Looking over
the basement (which was as cold
as a barn) I "took cold" and
got a set back from which I
have not as yet entirely recovered.
I detest a person who is forever
complaining of his ailments and
yet I had even rather risk
such a reputation than fail to
offer any valid excuse for this
long delay in acknowledging
your generous gift of photographs
of the Gray Vase. The pictures
are very fine and give a
much better idea of the artistic
elegance of the work than
would naturally be derived from

the published figures. As my
wife took possession of both
cards instantly for her expense
portion of the house. I feel that
I am a kind of proxy anyway.
Still we - or she - or I would express
kindest thanks.

I may spend a little time
away from home before spring
- in hopes to recruit - but with
milder weather you may look
for some more tangible proof of
my indebtedness.

I have never had the
pleasure to meet Mr. Hays. But
he has formed his own
strawghet to my heart by
sending some most delightful
collections of Willows. One of the
reports for things left over since
the past winter is that I failed
to write out an account of the
White Birch species - with notes based
upon his observations & discoveries.
Thanks for gossip from head quarters.
Please continue - cordially,
M. A. Webb

926 Grant Ave

Rockford Ill.
May 2nd / 96

My dear Mr Deane

Did the tale really
read with you? Well I'm glad.
I was thinking I owed
pretty much everybody a
letter. I have had so much
to see to that of those things
which we do from a sense
of duty, working our way
resolutely through to the
enjoyment, undisturbed, of the
things which we do from
sheer love of the doing!

I enjoyed your letter through
and through. The touch of enthusiasm

over Botany at the Natural
History. The pleasure of your
meeting with Prof. L. L. Ward and
mayhap the fine complement
so slightly interwoven ~~many~~ case
had much to do with my
good humor, and above all
the account of doings at the
Botanic Garden.

I am hoping, to over-
haul my William bundles in
your school this very week.
So prepare to open up soon
a lot of old & dried specimens
collected years ago. good specimens
and this one lacking the
freshness and brightness of
things drawn ~~unimpaired~~
unworn, such as I was

would to distribute when I
did my honest, full share
of collecting, and sent out
the harvest at the close of
the season.

I hope I may go to
Buffalo this summer but
can not say for sure.
Certainly the chance of meeting
you there will add to the
inducement already sufficient
to outweigh considerations of
prudent finance.

No! I am far from
being well. I have a
poor appetite sleep will
seldom and for the life of
me I do not see why I
should remain so shaky.
There is some bronchial irritation

which I hope has not come
to stay. Altogether I began to
look forward to a longer
season of occupation than
all past entered my thoughts.

Yours very truly
M. S. Webb

926 Grant Ave.

Rockford Ills

My dear Mr Deane

May 29/86

At length - after many
interruptions I have a parcel for
you, tied up and ready to go
by express, either this P.M. or
Monday morning. - The
selections have been made in
the midst of so many distracting
cares that I scarcely recall what
I have put in but I hope
^{of the specimens}
~~some things~~ a fair proportion
and if the whole number may
prove an acceptable ^{or an} addition
to your herb. Fearing you
might have a suspicion of
poor I have taken the
liberty to include a few other

P.S. I find on my table of C. ponderosa considerably less than

things - western plants which I
not required to keep with your
own showing for the species
selected please pass on to some
less fortunate botanist.

Please let me know if
this pkg reaches your hands
in good order - and please
gentleman don't be at all
chary in comments and
criticism on anything that
merits such attention.

Your article in regard
to the Little Woodcock is
one so kindly sent me from
the office of your "happy
accounting friend" of last season
recognition

In your heart
as ever
L. S. Smith

926 Grand Ave

Rockford Ill

June 11/16

My dear Mr Deane

Carex Oenocarpa was
a chance shot. To our use
I had never collated your
list of desiderata in numbers
with Manns Catalogue - Now
that I do so I find a
second species which I can
supply but not in extra-fine
specimens - C. Richardsonii - the
plant was very rare - even in
the early settlement of the
country and disappeared entirely
as soon as the prairie fires
no longer afforded it a fair

open field in early spring.

Glad the plant pleased
 you and I wish you
 concerned I wish you have
 heard the last year me.
 To begin with I try to
 authenticate botanical friends
 but have a perfectly intolerable
 dislike for the fellow who
 addresses an audience with
 an entire stranger on a post
 card. proposing the "Ex" - (their title)
 is too salubrious to write and the
 word and asking them on the
 strength of their despatch to
 suggest such a thing. You go to
 work instantly and send them a
 list of everything, you have and
 everything, you want and pay
 your own postage of course.

Oh I am an amiable fellow

P.S. I have so long, neglected my
general bacterium to give
you Helms. That with a
rather depressing expression -
I encounter this after some
when I go to look up Sapho
in your sheets I regret expect.
The showing is not nearly as
good as I thought it was.

Sapho rubrodiscum Murray I
have only from the fresh (from
Missouri Bay) leave very from
European specimens are better
both of S. luteum and S.
prunellum - and also of
S. albidum Lill (as S. luteum x
prunellum, Carl.) which seems

to be the true *S. villosum* equivalent
of the *Mon. - plant.* If you
have a specimen of *S. villosum* -
you will find it very different from
the *Mon. - plant.*

926 Grand Ave
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Aug 5/16

My dear Mr Doane

Years ago
"Wells Me" was a familiar
footmark and it comes to me
now fraught with many
delightful associations. In
1861 - dear me was it twenty-
five years ago! when I was
making my first exchanges
with two English botanists I
received many a coast plant
from Wells. collected and
sent by my old friend the
Rev J. Blake. Everything was
fresh that came to my net

in those days but some of
his plants are rare even
as they were then. Carex
magica for instance.

Your collecting experiences
claim the name of a good collector
with as many diverse associates
I am completely dumbfounded
- haven't a word to say -

Specimens of plants in Hawthorne
room in the Old House?

"The Concord River runs to the right
through the town passing between
long reaches of meadowland and
through pleasant woods" All
right I think of Thoreau and
"The Walk on the Concord" of
concerning a passage in Concord

I recall the Hawthorne connection
through the timber - and I question
whether or no I ought to give
you a blessing up from
Concord, right on in the way
- Hawthorne with "Carex Buxbaumii"
& "bellata", "Tubercularia vulpina"
and "Nuphar". Is there some
book here in the collecting
fitness of things and if so
where is the manuscript? Why
should it be "Carex Buxbaumii" with
its somewhat doubtful name
"abandoned in wet places" near
the old House - and yet the
association comes upon me like
a cruel joke.

The Morings Nuphar I have
Cobb. But I don't - but the wood is

I like to discuss with you a
question which has troubled me
anxiety - Is a hybrid more to be
sought than ultimately good specimens
and pollen therefore to be recognized
as a good species? Can we know
that the frequency of the species
holds true to the parent types or
do they vary extremely towards the
supposed proportion. I am anxious
I have on hand one or two of a
fine variety I saw of one of
the best of J. G. Hill some of the same
ground - the question has been a
very puzzling one to both of us -
no two of which can agree that
we should be sure the line
between species and hybrids.

I have not as yet decided - you
see the other the Chippewa variety
is better but the chances are that I
will

Yours sincerely
Wm. H. Hill

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Nov 9/86

My dear Mr Deane -

I was reading, - only
this morning, in M. Aurelius
Antoninus "From Alexander the
Platonic [I learn] not frequently nor
without necessity the way to any one
or to write me a letter, that I have no
leisure; nor continually to expose the
neglect of duties required by one relation
to those with whom we live, by alleging
urgent occupations" - poor human nature
overcome circumstance! - So it was a
virtue which even an Emperor of
Rome sought to cultivate - even before
the days of paper and the penny
post - not to be too free with excuses
for delay - I have nothing to send
but sheer nonsense - a disavowal
to the public which undelivered for a few
days seems an infinite neglect -
... I know there is a letter of yours

on my table were white & red with
 stripes and spots to the same
 a month ago - the table just last
 as "talk back" had my mother
 from her house with me
 and find you say of them -
 "When do you see them?" March 1880. 21
 "Why do you not make use of me
 better as a domestic worker or house
 mother to help me the 1st of January
 next when I am married in the
 a 2 year if I am not in the
 in the house
 are all the the same in the
 Jan 1881 are the same in the
 44-69 are all the same
 of them - There were 10 days in the
 previous they were) to - no other in the
 of the same distribution - a number of them
 the present and (very) -
 2 or 3 of them are remaining in a
 number of cases, but the few others
 not of the same - but
 plants - individuals - also from
 the same plant - the same only - of
 back says are represented it is made
 the same plant - the same only - of
 the same -

This explains a large proportion
of what you have taken to be
omissions in your set. For instance
No 30. - *Acanthida x pterodonta* - only the
♀ plant was known to me at the
time. ditto of 31. 32. 33 - Sometimes
this winter I will overhaul my
duplicate with your list in hand
and I will try to report everything
"present or accounted for" - At the
same time I will do the best
possible for you from Dr Kennedy.
When I know of any person
really interested in molluscs it is
always a pleasure to me to
report what I have in the
way of specimens - to him. It
is enough to know that the
material has gone into the hands
of an appreciative student. I
gave up the Rest Salicaria in
despair - The 1st fascicle was
scarcely out of my hands when

I wish I was back to improve -
The drawings are very crude -
compared with what I should make
them now.

We are all interested in your
Cambridge festivities - Fifteen -
Twenty years ago I was in Cambridge
not infrequently but have not
visited this place of late years - I
remember the old time - and your
mention of the Baroness Reed's
recalls a purchase I once made of
"a bundle of old books" at an auction
sale, paying a mere trifle, then
perhaps including her Memories -

Wife and I have just had our
impressions of Cambridge and its
social life of twenty years ago
revived by reading the Life of
Campbell by his brother Samuel
- Also Bailey's Synopsis is admirable.
It excites the wonder of our old style
American - accustomed to mulling around
the edges of things to see how these
fine young fellows go to work
generally make a discovery
res. and so on much. So it is so
well too, and I am so shut in time -

I wish I could tell you a story
about a dog that I found near to
me - the one that rec'd mention
by Garrison - I don't know whether
it is a story about the dog - or
whether it is ^{it is} about a momentary
embarrassment of my own - I must
tell you sometime when I am near
on the paper.

The photo has not yet
been taken - I shall remember
you - and the anti-prophets are
packed away in a box. Let me
see if I can recall names of
old correspondents and one of them
send you my per letter and the
other nothing for - Vanez. Chickering
W. J. Hale. E. Hall. Prof. Dr. Green. Porter
Dr. Eaton. S. H. Wright. Bartlett. H. Mann
Edmund Nataniel. D. S. B. Mead. Prof. C. R. Hook
Cady. Rev. J. Blake. S. J. Olney. H. P. Barboock
Rev. A. G. Joseph. D. D. Clarke. Patterson.

x x x I find it not so easy
to recall names as it might
be - give me as I please at the

less I notice the names of
Judge Clinton - Ward - Cratty - and
so on -

I am tempted to throw
this miserable excuse for a
letter into the trash basket
only I am afraid I should
do no better by trying
again -

Yours very truly
Wm L. Felt

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill.
Jan 5/88

My dear Mr Deane -

Your unique
Christmas greeting was a
pleasant surprise. in the
midst of a season of pleasant
surprises. After the pretty
picture has graced our mantel
till we are familiar with it. I
intend to consign the sheet to my
herbarium - where it will illustrate
better than any single specimen
I ever saw the prolific habits
of Ceanothus.

I am hoping to do a
little pottering over the Willows
during this month and next -
my "shut in" period of the year -
What it will all come to I'm sure
I know not - most likely nothing.
It is not that we fail to
achieve certain things - but as
we come nearer to them they

seem so much less worth while.

How wonderful this word
from Cambridge - I can not
realize its full import -

Wishing you a happy new
year - which in these days of
intellectualism is equivalent to
wishing you every good thing
under the sun

I am very truly

Yours friend
Wm. L. Webb

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Jan 6/97

My dear Mr. Deane

All through the closing months of last year, I indulged myself in a fit of laziness. For a while at least I wanted to take life with all the nonchalance of a butterfly. I was quite willing to absorb any amount of the pleasures which friends in the kindness of their hearts might confer and to quash all gnaws of conscience that might otherwise come me to an uncomfortable sense of obligation. You anticipate me in ascribing this present effort to the perennial New Year's resolution. I am not going to be lazy any more.

delatory any more. What's the
use of making a first class
"good revolution" and discrediting
it at the very outset by a
mental murder of possible
shortcomings!

I was pleased to be
remembered by you with a
Christmas greeting.

Last week I began over-
hauling recent accessions to
my museum of Illinois
selecting specimens - mounting
etc. I never can study with
any degree of satisfaction some
material. I scarcely dare
anticipate how much I may
actually accomplish of work
less and for the winter. But
I start in with a determination
to "keep pepping away": the very
determination itself - I must
gain back some of more
vigorous health and therefore

hearing some promise of
ultimate fulfillment. I even
go so far as to project an
amount of field work for
next spring, away beyond
anything I have done in
several years past.

It might be in order for
me now to enumerate
promises made generally
just to show that they are
not forgotten. But I had
them in mind when I
spoke in a general way
of not daring to anticipate
how much I might or
might not actually accomplish.
autographs (up faced in a box
photographs (not yet taken),
desiderata (not yet selected but
list hanging on a hook over
my table) Oh I don't forget

the mischief of it is I don't do!

Now I should like to get
down to Cambridge for a few
weeks study - couldn't res
ignated down!

With the best wishes of
the season I remain

Yours cordially
W. L. Webb

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill.
Jan 12/94

My dear Mr Deane -

Subsiding in the
Indiana Mykum? Is it possible?
Pray write and tell me about
it. It was only yesterday that I
was arranging in my herbarium
some specimens of Salix Ritcheyana
which he collected especially for
me - to show the range of variation
in leaf character -

Your letter gives some details
of Dr Prays illness which other
friends had omitted to tell me.
As you are kept so well informed
let me beg of you as a special
favor that you report to me
frequently - Alas! even before
this reaches you the end may
have come - How many there
are - all over the country -
waiting for and dreading that

final monument—

I shall have some salices
for you - one of these days - on
easier terms than any one of
the three you suggest - and
remember the autographs too
very are in a while - always
with a torturing qualm of
conscience!—

I have gotten out of touch
with the working botanists
somewhat - all my own fault
and I miss the stimulus of
frequent interchange of letters
and specimens - but I keep
promising myself month after
month - year after year - that
I will shortly turn over a new
leaf. I have mistaken the
ability to criticize the work
others as evidence of power
my own part to do something
better - "Did you ever get left
(as the school boy is the day just)
it? in just that way."

Concidentally, in both
My paper wants me to stop -

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
Jan 29/11

My dear Mr Deane.

I thank you for
your frequent bulletins and
especially for your interesting
- really interesting - letter of the
20th inst. Your father's study
must be a good place in which
to write letters - may you
frequently find yourself uncon-
-ced therein. I have almost
nothing to say in response
to the painful burden of
your story. It is something
to be received with sympathetic
silence - I will write again
soon - this only as ^a ^{acknowledgment} ^{and} ^{recognition}
word of thanks and ^{recognition} of
your kindness -
I must tell you that

now I am to fulfilling
the promise about autographs.
A few days ago I brought the
box of old letters down from
the attic - there is lots of
them and they are not in
good order - To be candid
I have preserved my
correspondence thus - as fast
as letters were answered they
were thrust into a certain
drawer in my library table -
When that got so full that it
could no longer be pulled out
- or once pulled out could not
be pushed in again - one of
two things took place - sometimes
my wife - good orderly soul
that she is would take the
content - sort it all over and
arrange the letters alphabetically
by authors - But finding in
this service I really would
make one grand tie up of
the whole business - And so

I find running on through
years there is not any uniform
method of arrangement - Mrs B
and my two Daughters at home
have taken mercy on me and
promised to help at one grand
effort in the arrangement of the whole mass in
folios - I very soon found
when I came to look for
letters to send you that there
was a choice - Some were
quite characteristic - While
others might be mere business
notes as it were - and that I
could make no satisfactory
selection without having all
together from which choose -

In very good haste
Yours
O Zella

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Oct 8th /88

My dear Mr. Lounie

I have your true.
with the autographs - such as they
are - mentioned in my last. Please
tell me what ones prove new
to your collection. The Catalogue
is almost useless. I thought after
I got started on it that it would
have been better to leave you to
make any suggestion that you
might wish. Concerning some of
the more obscure names I have
whose names appear on the list.

My tailor has always made
two pockets on the hips of my
trousers. I am too old perhaps
to acquire new habits making them
useful. I carry no revolver and
have a time honored place for
my handkerchiefs. But I have
just learned what to do with them

and I find they are mighty common
I pity people that don't know how to
use their pockets. In one I keep a
whole bunch of blank tickets -
no matter what I am doing - if it
pops into my mind to ask some
friend a thousand miles off a
question - I cut out a ticket - make
a memorandum of the question and
drop it in the other pocket. So
now when I sit down the winter to
you I go over the accumulation
and find this which read as
follows "Deane ask to refer to Sabine
Cutter's Trunk Silliman Journal 45 p 36 that
remains there given for descending
the old name S. Nova Urali Pursh - please
copy anything, likely to be useful"
2) Deane S. arctica. Why does
Andersson write Pallas rather than
P. Br. Please copy for me description
given by Broom ~~Andersson~~ Bot of Ross Voyage
Vol 2 p. 194 - date of publication. Also please
copy Pallas Fl Ross 2. p 86, date of
publication - Also please trace if not

I have been looking for a letter from you for several days. People who are generous and competent in the matter of writing letters keep expectations on the part of friends which are altogether unreasonable. - He came to feel ourselves quite aggrieved in fact if letters don't come just as easily as the air we breathe -

I have just written to Mr Watson - a kind of mute reaching forth of the hand in sympathy as it were. How unutterably lonely and thus work worn must be the brain with the master's chair empty -

Yours ever
Wm Lloyd Garrison

too much trouble Ledebours fig
Icon H. Ross. Tab 460" - By this
time I fancy you are ready to
curse my ingenuity in finding
a use for his pocket - But
seriously I am bothered about Laction
and would be very glad of your
help - Take your time. There is no
hurry. I have few books that help -
only Anderssons in fact. There is
a plant common on the coast
of Labrador, Hudsons Bay &c which
may be rightly referred to Laction
then again it may not or at any
rate it seems a good variety - I will
send you specimens by day. ~~Anything~~
that you can turn up in the
library of the Gray Herbarium that
will throw light on the subject
will be very gratefully received. There
may be some fine illustrations of
Greenland forms &c - (To save you
needless trouble I must add that *Trondretia*
figured Mem de la Soc. Des Naturalistes de Moscou
is not to be found in this country!)

Feb 12. 1888.

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Feb

Dear Mr Deane

My thoughts still keep
recurring to the sad news from
Cambridge. but it is not of this that
I would write. I hope for a letter
from you to-morrow. I have been
engaged all day in an almost
mechanical work and I am about
to write a mechanical letter - No
I ought not to say just that! Anna
finished arranging my letters from
Winnipeg correspondents yesterday
and today I have gone over the
lot and selected 87 for you - Of
course I passed many names that
I knew you would have already
represented in your collection - and
among these some of the very best
such as Gray, Watson - Coulter.
Ward - &c - As it is I have no doubt
selected many a predestined addition
to your trash basket - but I could

not always tell just where to draw
the line. As the package weighs over
a pound it will probably ^{be} ~~be~~ ^{weighed} ~~weighed~~
them by mail, at letter rates, as I
will keep it a day or so and
put in a little Willow concerning the
identity of which I am going to ask
your aid in determining - some refer-
ences not within my reach &c -

I would include a number of
things only now that I have revised
my interests in the Politics by some
days steady work - worked up an
interest in the most literal sense -
I am about determined to go on
and issue another fasciculus of Willows
- if for nothing else than to honestly
carry out the promise on my part under
which several friends have contributed
specimens for illustration - and - to modestly
shall I say it - to show that I know
something more about the things than
I did ten years ago -

Yours cordially
W. S. Webb

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Feb 20/ff

Dear Mr Deane -

If I had only known the work you were engaged upon before it neared completion I would have suggested to you the expediency of perusing the American Botanist and writing him - a letter.

I inclose autographs of Goodale - Watson and Dr Gray - I never corresponded much with Goodale - and as you will see the letter I inclose dates away back to a time when he had just received his degree of M. D.

From Mr Watsons many communications it was difficult to make any satisfactory selection. He has used postal card freely and in the main written ~~occasionally~~ in reply to purely

Remember I don't enjoy this. And no answer from me
must likely settle the question and will settle it.

Technical questions which I had
submitted - save a few letters
of sympathy or congratulation
which of course I do not like to
part with - It was hard too - to
draw the line on I frays correspon-
dence - What was really bright
and in a good degree personal
I could not spare - I have one
portal end that is A fray
all over - Here is a facsimile

Bravo, Excellent is H. S. B.
in B. G. fr March
A. S.

The abominable arrangement of
winter we have been having this
winter has about used me up -

Nice letter from Brad a few
days ago - expressing a hope that
we might meet at Cleveland next

926 Grand Ave.
Lockford Ills
Mar 6/98

Dear Mr Deane

I thought I had

cautioned you against going
off an any "Mel & form change"
after Menu de la Soc des Maten
de Moose - There is only one
copy of the work in the
U.S. that in the Congressional
Library - and of this vol 8 is
missing! However I am just
selfish enough to feel rather
comfortable than otherwise over
the slender chance that after
all you may be successful
in your quest - How delighted
I should be. You then are lots
of things in this paper of
frankness that I would like
to know more about -

I am still pepping away at
the Salices with encouraging
success. A revision of the Sanatae

group which I have in the notes
I feel rather good over - since
the first publication of the three
American species in the H. B. Shaw
not a thing new has been
made known concerning them -
and now I have quite a
little furthering together of fresh
information - much about S.
Haskiniana - rediscovery of
S. Barrattiana (known heretofore only
from Drummonds coll.) and a new
one for S. Richardsonii -

Cordially
O Lebb



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
5 Brewster Pl
Cambridge
Mass

When you come to looking up
the literature of S. arctica for-
me - no hurry - please copy the
description of S. arctica p. 104 of the
Book H. Cross 3. 669.

Cordially

P. B. L.

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
March 23/88

My dear Mr Deane -

We will not be
discouraged by emptying the
right hip pocket again too
soon. If you will kindly copy
for me now and then some
pencilgraph from a rare or costly
book in the library - beyond my
reach - or send a tracing of a figure
and so on - it will be a great help
to me and I shall be only too happy
to render any service in return
within my ability. Willow Lore
is a small affair - but it is
scattered through lots of books
which are inaccessible to the
student west of the Alleghenies -

In a little while now I shall
have to put the Salix bundles on
the shelf till next winter - my time
and thought being demanded in
other directions than that of Greek

in due study - Still I shall hope to
keep something going for "wet weather
work" I have prepared for the
Gazette a series of impromptu
papers entitled "Notes on North American
Willows with a description of new or
imperfectly known species" - which will
appear soon - I have them all on
hand still "in the cooler" - waiting
to see how they will bear the test
of being half forgotten and then
re-read -

Your paper in the Bulletin
is an admirable sketch of D'Arny's
life - No one who has not himself
seriously undertaken to compress the
leading events of a life into a
smoothly flowing account of a
few pages length can realize the
amount of twisting and turning -
-crasing - intertwining - that has gone
into the paragraph that reads so
easily - A freehand sketch will
betray a rough line quicker than
the elaborated picture full of details

I loaned the Bulletin - containing
your contribution to one High School
Principal - who came to me for
material to help him out in
an Asa Gray memorial exercise
or something of the sort -

It is a queer freak - Moroy's
enterprise! However as you say
he is enthusiastic and tough and I
should judge a man who would
rust out faster than he would wear
out - By the way in behalf of an
old class mate of his I would like
to ask if Mrs Moroy is still living?

My photo is no "where" as yet.
But it will be located "one of these
fine days" - I have quite a
little project in mind - as to the
use I shall make of it - which will
better mentioned after than before
sending - As I am not likely to
forget -

I have been twice married -
My first wife died a long time
ago - while I was living in Washington

two or three years later I married a
Rhode Island girl - one of the Holyoke
Sisters - and since then have had
an uninterrupted - or scarcely interrupted
- flow of happy fortune - more than
I honestly deserve - This answer of
your query about the daughters - I had
three children by the first Mrs Beth
and taking my whole family as
they were there is a curious
alternation of sex - Thus ♂ ♀ ♂ ♀
♂ ♀ ♂ - here the spell is broken
and there is a dull monotony of
♂ ♂. There are six at home - of
which Nina is the oldest - (20,) and
Frank (9) the youngest -

Now after this burst of confidence
may I ask if you take a joke
easily if it runs against yourself -
My wife resents the closing words
of your last letter "Give my
warmest regards to your wife
and daughter. Perhaps you have
several" - No I have only one wife
- three daughters - Cordially Beth

226 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill
March 29/88

My dear Mr Deane

I can't say
that I like it! I happen to
be on the School Board for this
little city and when I opened
your letter I was sure I had
a communication in hand
from some book agent. I
can not disabuse my mind
of a disagreeable impression that
somehow a circular or some
other such food for the waste
basket is trying to palm
itself off as a letter from
my best of correspondents Walter
Deane. If you are threatened
~~with~~ with permanent paralysis
I'll excuse you - if not please
write me from an old foggy
with an overweighing estimate
of the personal influence

carried in pea lines.

Yes I received Mrs. Fray's Memorial of her husband. I share your appreciation of the tribute delivered by the Rev Alex Mc Kenzie. It is a working over and re-incorporating of the old materials - but how gracefully it is done - and what a fresh ~~and~~ ~~spirited~~ spirit pervades the whole effort.

And speaking of Memorials what a foolish waste of money. - really I ought not to say so. but can not after all take back the word. we have in the Engelmann Memorial volume. It is sumptuous - splendid. but how is it going to benefit anybody! The very persons who receive it are fellows who already possess all of Engelmann's notes of any importance, and I understand there is scarcely a bare one hundred

^{for sale}
copies, beyond those distributed to the very persons who do not need the volume. If rich men would only spend their money ~~and~~ in furthering the cause of science in its own way - not theirs - how much better it would be!

If you just would make a vacation trip to Rockford - May!!! I get so tired working alone, all alone - with a sneaking suspicion that my neighbors regard me as having a screw loose somewhere. with only the satisfaction per contra that I am "supposed to be connected in some way with the Government."

I await with impatience the arrival of your excerpts relating to Galapagos Archipelago.

Cordially
Bett.

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
April 1/98

My dear Mr Deane

I detest this paper but it is all I have at hand - and even this is hooked from the boys school supplies!

So brief as it is the medium for the communication of such happy breezy letters as the one before me I take back all my aspirations thrown in the type-writer.

My special acknowledgements are due first of all to your sister for the minutely faithful tracing of Woodbours Salix arctica. When I observe the care with which a repetition of little details has been reproduced throughout I blame myself for not specifying your assistance care in reproducing a single amendment - after that only a pre-hand outline - to be filled in

my imagination - I will mount
the drawing on a sheet of best
paper and it will go in with
specimens of *S. arctica* and a pretty
interesting demonstration of various
sketches of my own - Transcriptions &c
such as go to make up the working
material of an obscure botanist
living out in an Illinois prairie
a thousand miles from a good
reference library.

Your notes - Transcriptions on
are very helpful - and will be
more so when I get down to dead
in earnest study of the species to
which they relate - Hooker's reasons
for discarding *S. Nova hesi*
Pursh are more plausible than I
anticipated - That question admits
of clear statement -

Now I wonder if I can tell
you what I see in the other
without making the story tedious
- Bear in mind then if *S. arctica*
Pallas - the older name and *Salix*.

arctica R. Br. the more recent
publication - are now recognized
as two species - That is the plant
of Pallas is not the plant of
Brown - though the two are nearly
related - Ledebour regarded the
two as of one species - hence he
was quite right in taking the
older name - *S. arctica* Pallas -
But Andersson does not so regard
them but instead of retaining
the old name for the plant
which first received it he calls
that *S. Pallasii* And n. sp. - and
then *S. arctica* R. Br. (not the
plant of Pallas mind you) he
writes down *S. arctica* Pallas. All
this is very clear from the
description and certain internal
evidence - for instance Pallas says
of his type specimen "In flaga
arctica mucosa ruda secundum Sinum
Obensum et versus glaciale Oceanum
legit hanc speciem Amiceas Ingef."
Now we turn to Andersson and

read "Specimina a Sieges inter Obim
fl. et mare glaciale in herbario
Pallasii *S. arctica* inscripta videri"

Here we have the Authors statement
that he had seen the very
specimen collected by "Sieges" upon
which *S. arctica* Pallas was founded
in - the herbarium of Pallas - You
would say that was the type of
S. arctica Pallas wouldnt you?
There you'd be mistaken - It is
cited by Anderson under his
S. Pallasii - Now I dont believe
in restoring the name to its
original significance at the
expense of tearing up anything
so rooted in the science as
S. arctica R. Br. For mind you
if we accept *S. arctica* Pallas that
name belongs to another plant
and our name for now *S. arctica*
is left out - in the cold. So my
present impression is that we
ought to keep *S. arctica* R. Br.
even at the expense of violating

the rule of rigid adherence to
priority of nomenclature. But while
we are seeking a name for the
original *S. arctica* we need not
come down to our own day -

Two or three - maybe more - names
antedate Anderssons. *S. crassifolia*
is perhaps the best - one of *Franklinii*

I have Hook & Arnot Bot. Beechey
Key - And am sorry to say that
the Pl. Bor. Amer. at \$40. - oversizes
my pile - By the way please
send me the first opportunity you
get - all that Hooker has to say
about *Salix Uva Ursi* - My recollection
of the matter is that this species
is dismissed with a few lines

I must tell you something
about Murray - in one sense it is
much to his credit - and it will
interest you anyway, - Dr Taylor
a lawyer of this city was Murray's
class-mate at Amherst - He says that
Murray was at that time engaged

to one of the noblest women he
had ever known - grandly
beautiful - sincere - devoted and
as earnest and wholesome in every
way as she was strikingly beautiful
- Morry was a ~~reprobate~~ southerner -
- drank recklessly - and was so
drunk the day he proclaimed that
he could scarcely stand upon the
platform - the girls friends
besought her to break the
engagement - and she replied
"I will either save him or lose
myself" - and added Mr Taylor
"it is almost the only instance I
call to mind - in my own
personal experience. where a woman
has taken such a desperate
risk and won"

You ask my profession -
At present I believe I am down
in the directory as a "retired
farmer" whatever that may
mean - It is too long a story to

begin in the 7th page - For a number
of years I carried on extensive
farming - In connection with my
father and brother 5000 acres -
It was a life of care - and
necessarily our immediate neighbors
men not congenial - I came here
to send my children to school and
to give them social advantages -
Wife and I found very soon that
we carried with us into the country
- a something - which, make the ^{home} ~~home~~
life all that it could be made -
was still beyond our ability to
impart - Manners must be learned
by association with people of
refined manners - and so on -

I read the story of your
life with a quiet, serene
satisfaction - In all the hurry
and greed - all the driving pace
of this nineteenth century. it is
a relief to think of such a
career - "Every ship is romantic"

But the one we sail in" and
I remember Emerson has some
very romantic things to say
about school teachers - but then
on the other side there's my
friend Babcock - gone to his
reward - what a perfect
gentleman! scholarly, refined -
- and he did delight in teaching
boys! I wish you had known
him - He taught somewhere near
Boston before he came to Chicago -

Cordially

Wm L. Webb

P.S. Just now in putting your notes
on S. Butler in place I find I have
already a transcript from the Flora
Bor. Amer. concerning, S. Nova Musi.
so you need not mind -

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
April 22/44

My dear Mr Deane -

Prior about this
Salix arctica muddell - I wrote
cautiously - You may have had
occasion to observe that I do
occasionally (?) do that sort of
thing - Let's try again -

Pallas first used the name
S. arctica - there is no question
about that - subsequently R. Brinn
applied the same name to
another species - Lodeborn
regarded the two as of one species
hence so far as he is concerned
the use of the S. arctica Pallas as
the oldest name is perfectly
legitimate - But Anderson

and all botanists of the present
day regard the two Willows as
distinct species - Now it seems there
can be no question about the
plants of Pallas since his type
specimen is still in existence
If there is any such species as
S. arctica Pallas (as Anderson notes
it) then the specimen upon which
S. arctica Pallas was founded is
the type of *S. arctica* - Isnt that
plain - Now what does Anderson do
He makes a *S. Pallasii* out of
S. arctica Pallas. which was all
well enough. But after he had
done this the *S. arctica* which
remained is the *S. arctica* of
Rott Boem and not of
Pallas - If there is any such
species as *S. arctica* Pallas the

He recognized it is the
signature of S. Pallasii and
not the signature of S. arctica
R. Brown - The real blunder of
Andersson is in giving the
S. arctica Pallas another name
and yet in retaining the name
afterwards for a species to
which Pallas himself did not
apply it -

S. arctica Pallas = S. Pallasii and DC Bo

S. arctica R. Brown - not of Pallas

Andersson was queer in the
use of names. He seemed to stick
them here and there. To suit his
fancy - imagining vainly that they
would stay stuck! Not a single
one of his innovations has been
accepted in either Europe or
America - One of his notions

wrote that he had a perfect right
to give a new name (with "Audas"
written after it of course) to any
new combination of old materials.
For instance *S. livida* and *S. ornata*
were united under the name of "*S.*
vagans". *S. laccanidra* and *S. pallidior*
under "*S. arguta*" - and so on -

I take heed. I have been
waiting for several years to
see if I could get your young
looking again - but its no use.

I am not studying Botany
just at present. I am building
a lapstrake boat - and every evening
I am so tired that I just sit
by the fire and doze until bedtime
my bedtime which is 8 o'clock!

I read with interest what you
write of Norway - Dear me - If I had
for the winter a warm bath and a cold
bath in succession I should want the
cold one first. Sincerely Robt

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
May 30/88

Dear Mr Deane -

If you will be patient
a little longer - for owing my
unavoidable delinquencies I
will promise in time to
catch up all arrears - No-
the boat is not wholly to
blame - it has not touched water
yet. It will be launched
next Tuesday in a little lake
in Walworth Co, Wis, on the
shore of which we have bought
a lot and in the next three
weeks propose to build a

Cottage. - Anna. That is Mrs B -
my inseparable companion
goes with me next Monday -
The family will follow as
soon as the children are out
of school. We must have a
roof ready to cover their heads
by that time. - Landerdale
Lake is a delightful summer
retreat and one of the things
which will help me out in
the matter of correspondence
will be a description of our
vacation surroundings. Possibly
I may be tempted into doing
a little old fashioned field
work. I shall go provided with
dies & engraver. -

Thanks for a copy of
your sketch of the life of
Dr Gray - with portrait
accompanying - I am always
glad to have such things
to preserve with botanical
miscellaneous - even if I have
read them before as first
published -

Next winter I am expecting
to do more Willow work than
I ever have before - If some
unseen and uncalculated for
untoward event does not interfere
I see no reason why I may
not start in early - with helps
that I have never had before

when I made my first exposures and
I shall have Mr Deane to call
upon for reference to the
Harvard library - and since last
winter Mr J. C. Baker of New
has kindly offered to assist me
there - in solving the perplexing
^{doubts} ~~questions~~ which only a further
examination of the old types
of Hooker - Andersson &c can
remove - I believe it is
understood that I am to do the
Salix work for the forthcoming
new edition (with enlarged range)
of Gray's Manual - Do you know
I am sorry to have the range
extended - What we need now to
popularize the study of Botany
more than of restricted range
I am glad that in the old days

North America was not
a Catalogue of the

CARICES BOREALI-AMERICANÆ.

EX COLL. VARIORUM, DISTRIBUIT S. T. OLNEY ANNO 1870.

Carex panicea, *L.*,

var. *Canbyi*, forma *prolifera*, - *Olney Mss. Car. Bor. Am.*
ined.

HAB. Illinois, *E. Hall*.

Sanderdale Lake, near
Elkhorn, Wis.

July 23rd /84

Dear Mr Deane.

I have a hazy recollection of having made last spring all sorts of promises, to mend my ways as to promptness in letter writing, when I got up to the Lakes. Alas for good intentions as excuse for non performance of present obligations. Never in my life since I began writing letters at all have I been

so absolutely, oblivious to all
ordinary politeness and even
filial duty in this regard as
I have been for a month
past. At first I did not a
little to help the carpenters
build the cottage - I enjoyed
doing a good days work - ate
like a sow and slept like
a log - but when evening came
each day did I hunt up my
writing material and do something
towards lowering the pile of
unanswered letters? The job looked
so appalling - and to reduce it
by only one or two points. so
unmagnificent a performance
in the face of the totality
required. I gave callous

- let my stylograph go up -
and instead during the hours
of cool twilight threw myself
into the stern of this boat
aforesaid and had Arthur
row me along the shady
shores of the lake till bed
time - In this way I have
made my first personal
acquaintance with aquatics.
The waters of the lake are
clear as crystal - and I who
have never before - day after
day - floated over beds of
Potamogeton - Chara - Hydrilla -
understand for the first
time the enthusiasm of our

friend Henry - What fun
Potamogetons I was collected
from stagnant pools and in
flowing streams of impure
water. were always so encrusted
with slime and various deposits
of mineral and vegetable
matter that I ~~always~~ felt
~~these~~ the result of preparing them
out of all proportion to their
actual value - I wondered why
it was that some ^{specimens} which I
received were so much more and
more satisfactory than I see now.
Nevertheless I have been content
for this season to place over
them - collecting has gone by
default along with letter
writing - Well - at the bottom
is the 4th paper list one by one

the day's commission about the
"Boat" and "Cottage" - The boat
is a complete success - She is
14 feet long - 4 ft beam - broad
for her length but the water
line when she is lightly loaded
makes her very easy to
row with only three persons in
while the width of beam and
depth (27 in) gives her a
carrying capacity for several
a family emergency - With two
strong boys on one seat and
two vigorous girls on the other -
pulling four 9 ft oars. Mrs B
and the younger Betty weighting
down the stern (they do it well
I can assure you -) and myself
for look out and command in

this bow one I don't propose to take
second place on any account -
- either as to the size of our
load - or the speed with which
it is propelled - I will send
you some photographs by fly
of the cottage which is a small
affair - of my own designing -
with only this merit so far as
exterior is concerned - viz that
it does not look as if it had
strayed out of town and been
lost in the woods -

I shall be glad to hear
from you "more than once"
before "the end of Sept" - but make
no more rash promises -

I still hold to my intention
of making the winter of '88'9
my most industrious winter of
all in the study of Salix

I propose in fact to play
Professor - to ask my friends
questions - borrow
specimens as if I were capable
of using them for the public
good - in fact I am simply
glad of an excuse to gratify
a personal pleasure / deluge
my friends with Yellow-bell
till they will wish me in a
corner where Yellow-bell
flourish - make lots of drawings
in my business - (I have to do
that for a while - to an immense
amount of) putting for a
minimum of appreciable achieve-
ment -

I shall not get to
Cleveland this year - can't
afford it - Sorry! - for Arthur
and I had and my old botanizing

companion Vary. and some
Spalding and others will be
there too - I was so enjoy
meeting -

I brought in my
book the rough draft MS of
White Mountain Millers II - we
have never so much as enrolled
it.

In fact I don't think
notary at all but I still
love Notarists - and am
always glad to hear from
them -

Cordially,
Wm. L. L.

Landdale Lakes, near
Elkhorn, Wis
Aug 9th /88

My dear Mr Deane -

It is a constant
surprise to us here in this
secluded spot - how we get our
mail - Nine miles distant from
Elkhorn - with no preconcerted arrange-
ment for its delivery. we get get
our letters and papers everyday,
almost without fail, and sometimes
twice or even thrice daily - We
never know when or from whence
to expect the mail - Any cottager
that happens in town brings the
mail for all - or a liveryman
is coming out - A little boy, from
up the lakes rows up the river

Landings before breakfast with
letters - and perhaps later in
the day a lad from a neighboring
farm house kindly serves us
in like manner - The lakes are
really quite secluded and quiet
(that is why we came here) - and
yet everybody is so accommodating
and willing to serve that all
are benefitted by only an
occasional effort on the part
of any single individual -

I was lounging under the shade
of an old oak - listening to the
reading of the last number of
the Forum - by Mrs B. and other
members of the party when your
last letter was handed me - I
can not just explain - even to
my own satisfaction - let alone that
of a person at a distance - just
what it is that gives zest to

the reading of a letter from a
friend under such circumstances,
the pleasure comes so unexpectedly
-and you have such a fresh
and youthful appetite - to devour
all that is written -

I am glad you have found
such a grateful resting place
so near home - But I see at
a glance that if I set out to
answer your letter you in hand
- to let myself loose - at every
suggestion - as of Mr. Mowry and
his trip - and - his wife - women -
clature - the R. Y. Catalogue - Prof. Greene
&c I shall scribble over eight pages
and even then not be half done
write what I have set out to do
This morning is to give you a
rough description of Landerdale
Lakes - To begin with - you

Probably knew something of the
condition of surface in which the
Great Green Bay Glacier left this
whole region - hummocks and
irregular ridges of drift, with
lakes wherever a depression was
too deep for water to find an
outlet - Hence the shores are rolling
or hilly but never presenting
precipitous cliffs - There are seven
lakes in the group to which our
lakes belong - first Pleasant Lake
a small body of water with neither
surface inlet or outlet - then the
three Rounddale lakes - with no
surface inlet but with a considerable
outlet - and finally three more small
lakes further to the south which
like Pleasant Lake have no outlets,
- On the next page I will draw a
rough map of our lakes to
help me out

Griffiths Hotel

Clearing Lake
3/4 mile

Upper Lake

Low Point

Island

a - Beloit Club H.
b. Elkhorn "
c. Cottage
d. Whitewater "

Middle Lake

Springs

Lower Lake

03 Ruhl & Waldo
02 Bobb.
01 Mr. Hollenbeck

At the extreme west end of middle lake are a number of numerous springs - probably the outlet of some subterranean communication with water bodies of water - They vary from 10 to 100 ft in depth - and to float over them in a boat gives a strange impression as if you were suspended in midair - The water is beautifully clear and slightly impregnated with sulphur - Down the sides of the bowl shaped springs the banks are covered with an aquatic growth fresh water algae - of an intense emerald green through which some sharply defined streaks of an intense purple or amethystine color - probably also a vegetable growth - At the bottom the water rises through clean white sand -

In some places the lakes are quite deep - 60 to 100 feet - but for the greater part the depth scarcely exceeds that at which some sort of aquatic vegetation is seen the flavish

- hence the excellent fishing - We
have black bass - perch - rock bass
- all the best game fish of the
region - And I will just name here
to remark that we have been fed
- fish fried - fish boiled - fish
baked - filler of fish breaded - fish
chucker - and even, my Mrs B once
decided to marry the bill of fare till
I can fully appreciate the action
taken by members of an early
Illinois legislature at Pandalia
who kicked against a monopoly of
venison and canvas back ducks and
insisted that the landlords should
give them "some civilized food like
salt pork"! -

Now if you and Mrs Deane
could only make us a visit for a
week - not less - it takes a week to
get over the excitement of strange
surroundings and get settled down to

be real lazy - we would give you
a sort of intensified experience of
this "rowdy west" - "Biled shirts" are
not allowed under any circumstances -
and one of the funny sights which
we all turn out to behold is that of
a departing guest - fixed up with a
stiff collar and Sunday hat, - The
grooming is done before breakfast usually -
- After breakfast better writing - After
dinner lounging and reading -
- in the evening twilight boating -
and you should be taken along
the south shore of Middle Lake to
see foliage effects which we all
admire exceedingly - And now we
must have a surprise in store
for you - just ^{now} those surprises that
in some sort are characteristic of
our western life - viz classic music
rendered in a way that would
command the approval of even your
fastidious - I really haven't gotten

over the surprise and the odd
very goodness of this myself.
Mr Hollenback our neighbor on the
south is the general Western agent for
the Larkin Pianos - and an exceptionally
fine tenor. He brings with him
every summer a fine piano - One
lady in camp is a graduate of
the Boston Conservatory - a fine pianist -
- good reader - a neat, conscientious
player - Then just north of us is a
young lady who is an accomplished
violinist. I don't want you to take
all this with a grain of salt. She is
really just what I say. Now what is
it that Goethe says about its being so
easy for the spirit to content itself
with things that are commoner - and
that one should if possible do a number
of things each day including the
hearing of fine music - and
speaking a few "reasonable words"

The room we have it is our own
fault if we do not speak the few
reasonable words - for fine pictures
we must substitute nature's offering
of willows, currants, with a background
of forest and lake - But I forget
myself, I was entertaining guests I
believe - Well - after the music you
would have to go to bed made a
roof where you could see the rafters
and hear the rain - rather on the
chances if there happened to be a
rain - and family matters, including
all confidential talk would have to
be done in whispers or postponed since
for ventilation sake the partitions only
extend up eight feet - And so - on -
My paper wants me also - Some
other day I will discuss nomenclature.
As between Cambridge and San Francisco I am like
the fellow who did not like the Yankee way
of saying "dars" and he equally disliked the
Southern way of saying "darsce" - He
preferred himself, ^{somebody} darsce -
Cordially
R. B. B.

926 Grand Ave
Stockton Cal
Sept 4/91

Dear Mr. Lorne

Only a few lines
to let you know that we are
home again - The younger children
have all started in school and
we would be settling down to
steady occupations for the winter
were it not that Mrs Bell has
just received a letter from her
sister saying that their mother -
now in her 80th year - is failing.
Mrs B. will probably start for
Providence R. I. next week to be
gone we can scarcely tell how long -
Whether I shall pitch into Willows
to fill up the housework and
whether I shall find family
care so multiplied as to keep

our house - what I shall do I have no idea
You see we have lived together a good
many years - the old gentleman is
slowly creeping closer and the time
seems to elude him. He is altogether
reluctant to acknowledge - and he does not
relish at all the thought of being
deprived for even one month of a
companionship so constant as the
home become part and parcel of his
daily life.

We were all more benefited
by our stay at the Lakes than
we had anticipated - In two hours
Rail Road riding home I am very
sure that I took into my lungs
more dust and vile atmosphere
than I had breathed before in two
minutes - Mrs B is complaining now
that the cure for life has "spoiled"
her that somehow she can not get
hold in earnest of her household
duties here at home - whereas I
regain - and express my opinion

that when a woman has once learned
to keep house perfectly, the Lord
mercifully removes her to another
state of existence -

I did not go to Cleveland -
and have seen in the New York
and Chicago papers only the briefest
mention of the meeting - I wonder
what sort of time this voluminous
fraternity had - I shall look with
some curiosity for the next Gazette.
By the way, do you know how long
the Boston aspect is to remain abroad.

Let me hear from you
often and excuse this mean
apology of for a letter written I
fear awfully, to toss back the
ball -

Truly yours
Wm L. G. L.

926 Grand Ave
Rockford, Ills
Nov 2, 1888

My dear Mr Deane:-

Judging from the
impression which my last letter
seems to have given you I
must have been down in the dumps
when it was written. In truth I
was discouraged. Such a heap
of things all to be done before
January 1st loomed up before
me - all the more that done
under pressure the very things
became burdensome which might
under more favorable circumstances
afford the greatest satisfaction
in the doing - things social -
things financial. things domestic,
Well I will tell you what I

did. I made a list including
every last one - made it as big
as I could. But after all the
sum total dwindled in this rendering
process of what before had been
majestically apprehended - then I shut
my study door with a bang and
went to work, at the least release
of all the obligations - first - I am
happy to report this a fortnight
faithfully put in, thus lessened
that apparently insurmountable burden
wonderfully - so much so that I have
felt fully assured this morning on
entering my study and beginning
to straighten out things, preparing
to that sort of pottering over botanical
affairs which it would be absurd in
me to call work - I have acres
of correspondence to catch up and
to-morrow I hope to block out the
willows for the Manual - I wish
I had time to give some of the
species - *g. pubescens* & *g. nigra* - a

Once upon a time make a
remark for which he has since
been sufficiently berated about
men and women - beside my
transmission - practices and you know
which has an application here -
- I deny unqualifiedly that the
male shares in any degree the
"handing on to posterity" of
acquired qualities - transmitted
through the "conservative trunk"
seems to me a weakening of
an otherwise sound argument by
pushing it to untenable lengths

Sincerely yours
W. L. G. L.

thorough study. But under
pressure I must forego this. I
am in hopes to give our home
species a more satisfactory grouping
and to amend Mr. Carey's
descriptions - (excellent as far as they
go) as the basis, there more into
keeping with what is now recognized
as essential.

I like our friend Ward's
article in the Common on "Our
Better Beliefs" - I feel in full
sympathy with the drift of his
argument and admire the way
in which he has "applied familiar
facts to the point at issue" - But
what I do mean by the
sweeping assertion that "acquired
qualities die with the [male] individ-
ual" did not a certain Mr. Darwin

Rockford Ills
Nov 2 /88

My dear Mr Deane -

My plans for the autumn and early winter have been all upset and with both heart and mind otherwise absorbed I have felt an almost insurmountable disinclination to postponeal pursuits - and letter writing as well. I have put off answering your last most welcome letter in the hope that a change of mood would come to my relief, but from the days of Marcus Aurelius down to the present time it has required all the philosophy that human nature could command to overcome such a fatal excuse for delay. I am thinking now that I can expect - at any rate - my old

midwinter season for study -
say from January to March - and
after the holidays I shall make
a desperate attempt to rekindle
the old enthusiasm -

Your account of the past
seasons harboring recalls to
my mind - very forcibly - my
own industry and pleasure in
like pursuits - "years and years
ago" -

The housemother and "head-
center" - (heart-center would be a
better word) of this domestic
establishment returned to her
place two weeks ago and things
have been settling down into
the old grooves since - so that it
now seems almost like a dream
that she was away for a month.
I sincerely trust that Mrs Deane
who was "steadily improving" when
you last wrote - may by this

time have entirely regained her health.

Dear old friend J. Blake! I never saw him - but I loved him all the same - I came to know him in all his trials almost as if he had lived next door - And his barbarium offered for sale at \$1100! I wonder if time counts at day labors wages per line - paper - express charges - and other outlays were all added up would the sum would be? How much we prize our barbaria - and what would they be "worth on the market"? - But Ah blessed for ever be allusions - and when I am too old - too worldly-wise - to cease to yield to their potent influence may I be translated! Mr Blake's specimens were often far from satisfactory - and I have

his mounting mind & betony, the
same lack of neatness - Twenty five
years ago Blake was one of a group
of old fashioned botanists - which is
would be hard to duplicate at the
present day - as active out door
observers of nature - Or do I grow
old - and being "out of the swing"
myself fancy the entire situation
changed - Let me name that group
Blake - Chickering - Porter - Traill Greene
Vasey - Hale - Hall - with Sartwell -
Short and Olney growing old and
lazy - and Patterson - Babcock - just
coming on - Oh yes and Causley - why did
I forget him - Well we used to
collect in quantity and divide up -
If in my day I was not the means
of supplying every herbarium on the
face of the earth with Pulsatilla -
Antithellina and Geum triflorum - it
must be because those who received
specimens did not properly sub-
divide -

Have you read me friend

Ward in the last Forum
on "Our Better Values" - A
capital working over of already
admitted premises - and the
deduction of conclusions that
seem so true - so almost self-
evident that we all must
wonder that ^{we} were so stupid as
not to think the same thing
for ourselves - It is helpful
too to have the point so forcibly
presented that for the evolution
of man we must cultivate
the conservative female trunk
rather than the variable
male side line - I have always
congratulated myself that I was
not created a male spider - it
is so much nicer to be a

lover and be coddled rather
than to be a lover and
then be fiddled - but when
you come right down to the
bottom facts. I rather guess
that the position we occupy
in nature is not so very-
very far from the spiders
after all -

You will let me know
when you hear from Mr. May

Cordially

O. L. B.

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Jan 1st 1889

My dear Mr Deane -

I wish you a
Happy New Year!

Since the fools of both sexes
killed New years calling, there
is nothing left for an oldish
gentleman like myself but to
stay at home. clean house. clear
the decks for action. or by whatso-
ever metaphor you please the
get things in order for another
years work. That is what I have
been doing, all morning. - Arranging
bundles not before disturbed since
last spring. - finding out where
I had left things &c. &c. -

I have the Willows for the
Manual written out - an improvement
I would fair hope on what
has gone before - and now while
I have my hands in and feel
in the mood for such work I
intend to block out a monograph
of all the N. American species -
The rush of things that carried
me clear off my feet three
months ago has pretty much
subsided and I see no good
reason why I may not count
upon this or three months that will
give me a few hours at least
every day for steady -

I have just sent Mrs Britton
a little note for the Bulletin
picking up "E. & S" for his reckless
conjecture that fall bearing

by Willows might be the result
of "insect agency" become hereditary
What superstitious nonsense!

I wrote to Ward, making
essentially the same criticism
on his article - as I did in
my last letter to you - I take
the liberty of including his
reply - which please return -

How much inspiration you
must get from constantly meeting
and associating with Botanists
"The one event in our lives which
is never forgotten is the lighting
of an intelligent stranger at our
gate" - I almost never see one
unless I go and hunt him up
at some convention! - Botanists
I mean -

My hip pockets have been
empty and useless for months
- I shall begin stuffing them
shortly!

I had some correspondence
a few years ago with Mr J. D.
Smith. Thus I doubt not came to
an end through my fault - and
inefficiency. He happened to strike
me when almost perforce I
was absorbed in pot-boiling cares.
Pray tell me what manner
of man he is - age - personal
characteristics - &c I fancy ^{that} his
angustia domi is less a tyrannical
circumstance in his case than
in ^{that} some of the rest of us.
Thanks for the pretty holiday
greeting, and remembrance -
Cordially Beth

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
June 17th 1899

My dear Mr Deane -

Had you done
anything else than send
me with your last letter
some Williams of the fragilis -
alba group for my specimen
I would have replied long
ago - I know it now, specimen
for my own personal use that
I would guarantee to have
a fortnight! - I send off my
Vol of the Manual Salicis
the first of the week - and
the only changes I have wished
to make since the pages left
my hands were in regard
to their plates -

Your No 1 is Salix Russelliana
Lam. a form near fragilis -
The Baker, as quoted by Harker -
considers this as not even a
variety of fragilis - but this

view is not entertained by those who have more attentively studied hybrid Willows - as probably Mr. Baker has, not - you he writes me that he knows less about Willows now than he did twenty five years ago - Inferentially he has given them little thought since his work at Ken has been otherwise directed.

No 2 - S. alba not adulterated - but it is neither alba typical of Europe - nor österöica - nor retellina - It is just Americana alba and I don't know what else to call it -

3. S. nigra - This is good nigra as I should say, also of No 4 - It is only convenient to keep up the name fulcata for some forms with extremely narrow and fulcata - (very the shaped is just the word) leaves.

5. alba again - Of alba-retellina we have only the ♀ - Other forms of alba I have not seen much of growing - I had a tree of

vitellina in my country place
(Mountain Dale) that long before
any other European Willow was

planted near was universally fertilized
perfectly by insect agency - no doubt
with lucina pollen - I wish I
had taken a good supply of
specimens for these ones I have
now about the only fully filled
out ones in my herb. of American
growth.

You will be surprised when
I tell you that there are only
4 sheets of *S. fragilis* (including
Russelliana and so called *decipiens*)
in this frag. herb. and half of
them showing only leaves!

You know I named a variety
of *S. nigra* for Ward. I imagine
Prof. Doyen did not altogether approve
of my doing so - though I suppose
that the plant was not even a
variety of *nigra* - Well what do you
think? I have found a good
specimen of good var. *Wardii*.

call short Falls of the Ohio - 1840.
~~Short~~ leaves only - Short describes
his specimen *Salix cordata* -
Carey sends his pen through
cordata - through the sheet MANUAL 1847
and notes underneath "angustata"
Pursh - and finally carries
Andersson who describes these
leaves (D C Pursh) as a new form
of "angustata discolor" - So
now I hold up my head - If
leaves of this plant - unaccompanied
by flowers - can thus mislead the
very elect - surely I was justified
in making it a variety -

Yours cordially
O. B. B.

P.S. Yours with Wm D letter at hand
- always glad to hear from you - tho
I shall not forget Brewster place for
specimens - any more than I shall for
the brother's post communication for
acquisition of knowledge - We too are having
very nice weather - How old is Mr Smith?

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Feb 6/19

My dear Mr Deane -

Will you please (sometime within a week - at your convenience) refer to the original description of Salix petiolaris, Smith. Trans. Linn. Soc. 6. 122 and copy for me what is there said as to habitat. I believe the plant was at first supposed to be of British origin. In the oldest reference my limited library affords I find that "it was sent to Mr Crowe by Mr. Dickson along with the last (S. laurina) as of British growth"

Mr Crowe and Mr Dickson were cultivators of Willows in those days. I only wish to refer to this matter incidentally - but like Davy cricket - wants to be sure I am right before I go ahead -

I suppose I was to appear in both the Feb. Bulletin and Feb. Gazette - in the former with No 11 of White Stem

Williams in the latter with some
notes on the Lamatae group with a
description of a pretty little var
of S. Richardsonii found last summer
by Mr J. M. Macoun on the island
of James & Jan, —

As to S. nigra - it is only convenient
to keep up the var fulcata for forms
with narrow, say the shaped leaves - the
dividen, line will of course be a
shifting, one "depending upon the taste
and fancy of the speller" as Sam Miller
says - the stipules come and go
according to their own sweet will
- be the leaves what they may,
they really afford no distinction -

You will be surprised perhaps when
I return that I once had for distribution
100 or more good specimens of S. conjugata
- Alas that ^{was} more than twenty years ago
and the stock was soon exhausted -

I can not keep you and on your
desiderata - though somebody - as a time
as I was in your favor by order
surely to supply C. glabra - this is
not so hopeful as most of the
others named - I am impatient to
see Moore's article in the next Bull.
Cordially Belle

926 Grand ave

Rockford Ills

Feb 7th 1899

My dear Mr Deane:

While you are
about it may I beg a further
assistance of the sort mentioned
yesterday - Please refer to
Chamisso in *Linnaea* p 539 and
copy for me all that relates to
S. myiostellorides of 1. 2. 3 & 4.

We have on our northern
coast and ~~range~~^{extending} northward
to Point Barrow a series of forms
of *S. myiostellorides* - gradually
modified by subarctic and
extreme arctic influences which
are very perplexing. Without
having access to the herbaria of
Kew and St Petersburg - and the only
very extensive botanical library
it would seem as if I was in
no situation to undertake any
original investigation of these
forms. But I can not escape
the necessity of arriving at some

opinion concerning them - and
painstaking study of recent
collections has shaken my
confidence - never very strong -
in Andersens work - here as
in other directions - He can not
be relied upon - You never know
how the trade winds.

I have no idea whatever
of Chamisso's work the which I
refer you - As the references all
seem to be to page 539 I infer the
matter is not lengthy - Please copy
anything that may (in the light of
what I have written) bear upon
the investigation in hand -

Also, if you have patience, Salix
polaris leucocarpa Chamisso Leumaea
6. 3-42 - and S. cetracea rotundifolia
Ledeb fl Ross 3. p 624.

I don't want to send
my one of the children going to
school - I fear you are very busy
and that I am asking for more
than a fair share of the leisure
you can command after the other duties
of the day - And your good indulgence

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
Feb 16th 1899

My dear Mr Deane -

Thanks for the
transcriptions from Chamisso - They
are of immense interest and
accompanying the forms to which
they relate will be of permanent
value. The Island of St Paul
stands for me as yielding two
things. Two seal pelt and a
very peculiar willow - not so very
much unlike related forms but
after all with enough of peculiar
character to be recognized at once -
I doubt if another willow grows on
the island - but every collector is
sure to get this one - It must
be common for the average
collector does not pick up a willow
as a general rule if he can
step over it or get around it -
Now one of the things which I
wished to know was just
where in the series of forms

of I, amongst those who are active
modification of *Chamaecyparis* arranged
by *Chamaecyparis*. This plant would
find a place. I expected to have
to follow the little hints here and
there and get along the best I
could with what help my limited
resources would yield. I may see
therefore my surprise when I found
the description of *gama 4* looking
up "*Insula Sancti Pauli*". That
seemed so! even if the description
following, had not been entirely
confirmatory.

How delightful and
stimulating it must be to meet
real botanists - the live right
arrange such people - years ago
when Babcock was alive, in
Chicago. When Hall also was in
the form" and Patterson was
active. I did not see a ^{one in a while though} ~~one~~ ^{one}
devoted of the amiable science. -
The sight was rare. But now I
see one - I go (with Mrs B.) to
Monday evening clubs and Brown
clubs and all the rest of it

in any historical question
less than two hundred years
old. Thus I had come to
imagine that he, Macd, had
no interest in any botanical
question not as old as the
Tertiary - to say the least. -
I was with surprise and
delight to find that he could
still write so enthusiastically
about the plants of the field.
That the sun now shines upon
— not mentioning the fact
a specimen of the "King device".

By the way I have along with
rest of us I suppose, received a circular
of the projected Monograph of the
British Nereis - price only six
dollars a year for five years
- thirty dollars for a series of
seven species according to Benthams
10. Hooker. But after all it is
difficult in such a case to say
how many species there should be.
The 7 or 10 seem as difficult to limit
as the 40 or 50 of other authors.

It is a very interesting question as to the number of species of Nereis which should be included in the Monograph. I think it is a very difficult question to answer. I think it is a very difficult question to answer. I think it is a very difficult question to answer.

is on a manuscript in this letter and also

in pursuit of mental stimulus
and the pleasures of social
intercourse - but I am not
tempted to "talk shop" even if
I felt so inclined - nobody to
talk to! Still a prophet doth
have honor even in his own
land - Did I ever tell you
about a cranky old maid who
died in town a few years ago
- I never saw her - never had any
communication with her whatsoever
- but she bequeathed me her
herbarium! - in one volume - one
third full - pink paper - I do
wish you could see it! -

I have a very flattering
note from Coulter about my
forthcoming Willow paper in
the Fish Gazette - Yes I enjoyed
Morgan's letter in the Bulletin
and Ward article in the
Gazette highly - I immediately
wrote to Ward that I had
heard that Prescott always
said that he had no interest

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Feb 28th /89

My dear friend Deane:-

I have been
under this weather for a week
or more - unable to write or even
to read - and comfortable so long
as I did not undertake to do anything.
I know there are lots of people
with a constitutional proclivity to
suffer in character - so I do not like
to state my condition too frankly
without qualification - but it is a
fact that I could see mighty
comfortable in a lounge (having
guarans of conscience) and get fine
when I presumed upon them to
get up and go about my daily
avocations - that I just can't do it -
If that is the way, an awfully lazy
man feels all the time - he has
my heartfelt sympathies -
I have enjoyed "Doctor Hooper's"
letter - as much as you can
imagine - and his very account

of Paraguay ~~country~~ - and the
construction of that old Jesuit city-
Acumiam has been read over and
over and over again & I can
only tell you how moving, persons.
Mr Taylor (Morings old classmate)
particularly enjoyed it. I should
have returned one letter and forwarded
the other sooner - but it is not been for
my illness in part - and the desire
to let just one more friend perhaps
share our pleasure. Thanks.

With the exception of a letter to
Coulter yesterday - acknowledging the
receipt of his revision of our Umbell
species. This is the first writing of any
sort that I have done in ten days
and even now I find both hand
and head a little shaky - Coulter
has done an admirable work on
our Umbelliferae - consistent throughout
(too consistent in fact when he
reduces *Sanicula Marylandica*) and
the plates are beauties! To the students
they would prove most serviceable -
I don't think C & R have ever given
crediting me with "field notes"

retating, the Gizic - More than
ten years ago I had arrived
at the very views now published
- and it was fifteen years ago
that I discovered the sessile central
fruitlet of Gizic as a generic
character - Nobody knows this any
better than Coulter and it would
have been just a bit magnanimous
on his part to have
made the acknowledgment - instead
of appropriating ^{the discovery} ~~it~~ to himself and
crediting me with "fired notes" -
I detest this sort of thing not because
it hurts my vanity in any way
- but I would like to see every
botanist go out of his way if
need be to render to others
every last bit of credit due!
But what a snag for Coulter the
strike is Bupleurum - a natural
genus if there is one in Umbelliferae
and yet not founded upon morpho-
logical characters! So also the
return to our Saurauelas. Coulter
says always separable but only

My characters thus are varietal
How does he know that? One long
styles and short styles mean
characters - especially when constantly
combined with others? Because two
species of Sarracenia can not be
separated carpologically they
must be varieties - because two
species of Bupleurum can not
be united carpologically - they seem
to belong to two genera! Minute
histological characters are useless
so long as they conform to and
strengthen natural subdivisions -
when carried beyond this - being made
the sole basis of classification they
are no good help after all. My
experience with Willows is that
they abound where they are not
needed and become worthless just
when we most need something reliable
to help out!

My barbarism on pink paper is
not very "little" but it is "funny"
all the same. Sometimes I may
send you a few sheets or pages.

No! there was no paper from
me in the Feb Gazette but
what was a good deal better
there was a breezy account
of herboring on Cape Cod by
One Walter Deane - which my
wife read to me. I do enjoy
exceedingly just such things as
this! What delightful conjuring
to please a semi-invalid shut
in by a winter snow storm -
little ponds with clean sandy borders
gay with Coreopsis - Lobelia and what
not - a fringe of scrub oaks back
to fine seclusion - and then those
tutcherias - Daphne, the surface
with purple and yellow - Oh I
just shut my eyes and took it
all in - even the picking and
some choice specimens with my
own hands - washing them clean
and arranging the dipping spang
between the "folders" of the
portfolio. I've been there - even
if I am grown old & lazy.
I, myself, didn't expect

another 'King Devil' from Frank
- for I had written him that
the specimens would serve by
placing them in a pocket. (They
were in reality from and discolored
to begin with). But last evening I
received more in a good stiff
package - and nice ones too!

My first pkgs (as perhaps I wrote) were
in just the condition of yours - viz
rolled up endwise and tied around
with a string.

I hope to get back to the
Billows in a few days and
have nearly four weeks in which
they can occupy the spare hours
before the season for gardening
begins -

Cordially yours

W. S. Webb

I hate this paper! I bought ^{it} to use
up on printers and now I am
using it up on my friends

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill.
March 23, 89

My dear Mr. Deane -

I don't think that
picture looks very much like me
after all! I naturally carry my
head forward - and keep my eyes
open. And the operator got me
into an instrument of torture
and straightened up my spine
and then an effort to look comfort-
ed turned out sleepy - I didn't
intend you should recognize the
guy from the outside - Why if
it was done to me I should have
taken it off-hand for a Willow
to be named! Now where is your
photograph? I have been
impatient to ask for it all
along, but could not in decency
write I had sent my own - I
ought to tell you that when the
pictures came into the house it
seemed to be the common under-
standing down to the youngest

member of the family that one was
to go to Mr Deane right off.

I send you herewith a
preliminary sketch of Notes on
N. H. Williams B IV. I have made
four copies. One I send to D Watson
as a representative of the conservative
school in the stir that is being
made now-a-days about nomen-
clature. One to D Borton as a
representative of the school that
brows the so botanical "Primer
or Potentials". — One to Prof Coulter
for obvious reasons — and one
to yourself because you will
understand the questions better
than any of them. Now criticize
it. That is what it is sent for.
Criticise it up and down — in
general and in particular — as
to matters and manner —
candidly and freely. If it can't
stand this sort of racket I don't
want to publish it. There are
some little things I should like
to say — but they might prejudice

I send you
enclosed, a botanical specimen
rec'd from Florida some
time ago, of which the sender
says — "a plant of the
Compositae that is new @
Dr. Gray says of not only a
new Genus but a new order."

Please write me what you
can regarding this plant as
I have no further information
regarding it, than the above.

the point that interests me -

By the way have you read
Cowles essay on "Arctic Plants
growing in New Brunswick" from
Trans Roy. Soc. Canada - It is
an interesting paper - I enc'd
hered you my copy - if you care
to read it.

We are having delightful
spring weather. Saturday P.M.
we made one first open air
planting in the vegetable garden.
The soil is warm - dry & mellow -

Here is something rec'd last
week from the wonderful novelty
included was flowers of *Melia
azedarach*! with leaves of some
malvaceous plant. "A plant
of the Compositae" and yet
according to Dr. Gray "say"
"a new order!"

Yours cordially,
W. L. Abbott

Your judgment and can just
as well be said some other
time.

~~Now~~ There is something
from the hip pocket - no need of
haste in reply. I may not want
to use the information sooner of
four months. Salix herbacea is
a common arctic and alpine spon
of Europe - Andersson says also
throughout the whole of Siberia
but I suspect there is no
evidence of its occurrence in
Eastern Siberia. It is not found
in Western Arctic America. We
have it on the alpine summits of
New England and Lower Canada
and it is reported from Greenland.
Now will you please ascertain
for me if it occurs in Eastern
Arctic America and Iceland.
Probably Hooker's Arctic Plants would
afford the desired information.
The distribution suggests an
connection with Europe via
Greenland and Iceland. That is

he makes no reference to it. Both the
exception of Koelbörner who misapprehended
S. arctica, Pall and mistook with it as a
synonym S. arctica R. Br. The first came
to be recognized by our informed botanists
that the name, S. arctica, had been given
to two distinct species. Both names continued
to be sustained, one by its manifest priority,
the other by the preponderating authority of
Robert Brown. The species were distinguished
in each instance by citing one author
and excluding the other. Thus it was
S. arctica, Pall. (not R. Br.) or vice versa
S. arctica, R. Br. (not Pall). This state of
things continued unchanged down to the
time when Anderssons revision of the entire
genus for Belandolles Hydrocneme precipi-
tated the suppression of one or the other
of the two names. The older species now
received the name of S. Phyllasii, And. and
the authority of Phyllas was carried over
on a misprint upon S. arctica R. Br. S. ar-
tica, Phyllas became S. Phyllasii n. sp. and
S. arctica R. Br. became S. indica, Pall.; The
two species found from the shuffling of names,

standing
 in the same relation precisely as heretofore,
 Head S. arctica, Pall. been written down
 a synonym of S. Pallasii and S. arctica
 H. B. left without some degree of consistency
 could be urged in behalf of an author
 who throughout pays little or no regard to
 claims of priority. It might be argued
 that S. arctica H. B. was so deeply embedded
 in the science that it could not, and
 ought not, be torn out by the roots and
 that it were better, since one of the two
 names must be suppressed, that the more
 obscure - even if confessedly the older one -
 be sacrificed. Any such apology however
 is felt to be out of place when we have
 a new species made of the old S. Pallasii,
 the authority of Pallas transferred to a
 species of which he was entirely ignorant,
 and Robert Brown left out entirely.*

* <u>S. arctica</u> , Pall.	<u>S. Pallasii</u> , et a, crassijulis, And.
<u>oblongifolia</u> , <u>argentea</u>	<u>folia supra medium</u>
<u>folia latiora</u> .	<u>folia latiora</u> .
<u>obovata</u> .	<u>obovata</u> .
<u>apice latiusc. obtusiuscula</u> .	<u>apice obtusiuscula</u> .
<u>integerrima</u> .	<u>integerrima</u> .

corollae tubulata,	distincte reticulato-nervosa,
subtus tenuissime villosa,	subtus sericea,
anthera filamenta magis	anthera filamenta breviora
hypoleucania, dypti	hypoleucania, communior,
minime distincta	
Litoridius hamocornu,	Litoridius
longius persistens inter dentes	persistens ad foveam sub
tubum & folio magis distincto	longe minus infuso 2-10
stipite	folio 2-3 distincto
capitula conica	capitula conica,
hamocornu-canale	longe minus distincto,

"Capitula conica" Hall and "anthera, distincta," and, naming the same could not be common, arranged opposite each other in the catalogue.

Pallas died 1811, twelve years before Section 11. 150 (4th & 5th specimens brought home by British explorers) was published.

But we are not obliged to set our judgment solely upon the characters given, though in the present instance this evidence is in itself conclusive. Not only, does the name S. Pallasii imply the earlier description by Pallas but we have to ourselves our assurance that we had seen the specimens of Suzef (Type of

HERB. M. S. BEBB.

Sarotheca Hall!) in the herbium of
Pallas, described S. arctica and that these
did not differ from his S. Pallusii var
diplocladya!

The venerable H. Christy - whose special
study of arctic willows and whose familiarity
with the work done on Pulex by Russian
botanists must combine to give his opinion
a weight beyond that of Andersson's notes
on a letter. " S. diplocladya differs from
S. conisifolia, (S. arctica Hall not H. B.) only
in the leaves green and shining beneath
and it may be questioned if the species is
well founded." Here in a brief sentence
we have the gist and substance of the whole
matter. 1. That S. diplocladya is not distinct
from S. conisifolia, 2. That S. conisifolia is
synonymous with S. arctica Pall (which
is the main point) and finally 3. The
familiar assertion that the S. arctica of
Pallas is not the S. arctica of Robert Brown
- a statement which can not be made
too emphatic on one of the placed acquies-
cence for years past in the dictum of
Andersson to the contrary.

It is to be regretted that a name
grown so familiar as that of Sartoria
R. Br. must needs be disturbed, on the
other hand the open fact of the priority
of Sartoria, will can not be ignored,
and as what Sir William J. Hooker ~~was~~
wrote to call "Mr Brown Sartoria" was
only sustained by the constant mention
of the name of the distinguished author
let us hope that the substitution of
this name for the one preoccupied may
in a large degree preserve unbroken
the old associations.

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
April 4/99

My dear Mr Deane

That must have
been a good supper, satisfactory
and not overlapping the general
circulation - for it certainly strengthens
you out on the S. arctica question.
I thank you, over and over
again, for your thoughtful
consideration of my paper -
Your detection of one slip of the
pen (amounting to a downright
blunder in a controversial
discussion) more than repays me
for all the trouble of sending
out all of the copies. At the bottom
of page 3 for "a new species made
of the old S. Pallasii" read instead
a new name given to the old S.
arctica Pall. This I fancy is
what threw you off the track
in the first place and I wonder
that it was so completely overlooked
not only by myself but by Corbitt

and Watson as well. Coulter by
the way gives his "unqualified
approval" and Watson says
that I am "entirely right" - but I
must not stop now, when I have
in mind to answer your letter.
Written I have not yet heard
from - You after supper perhaps
shows that you already apprehend
the drift of my argument. so I
need only to mention "some of the
points that are still not quite clear"
"Could a man be such a fool as to
put against the name of a plant
the authority of a man whom he
knew never saw the plant?" Well
yes! That is just what Andersson
did - but it would not do for me to
call names, however much it
might add to the force of my
presentation of the matter -

Andersson knew that his *S. Pallasii*
was the equivalent of the old
S. arctica Pall - ~~over~~ his own admis-
sion. After describing *S. Pallasii*
B. diplodictya he says "Specimen a

hic descripta ex simi Laureculii
a Chamisso, et a Suzej inter obim
fl. et mare glaciale in herbare
Pallasii *S. arctica* miscripta vidi"
- Furthermore in the "deadly
parallel & columns" which I give
in a foot note - I quote from
Pallas word for word and then
the ego corresponding phrases of
Andersson in describing *S. Pallasii*
to show their downright equivalence
- Your suggestion is a good
one, and I shall put these
columns in quotation marks
and cite my authority - I thought
this would be inferred from the
heading - but see now the
pertinency of your criticism -
"I don't see how and could make
the remarkable statement that
Pallas's *S. arctica* resembled his
S. Pallasii p." Well it beats
me - Having admitted it - he
did not restore the name
because he claimed throughout
the right to give a new name to

to a new combination of old
species. regardless of any
claim of priority. But why
admitting it he did not cite
S. arctica as a synonym of
S. Pallasii. beats me. The man
was not honest. That is the
plain English of it - and this
example is no worse than the
one to which you will remember
I corrected you as ago - where S.
macrocarpa Nutt was tucked off
on a plant from Hudsons Bay
which Butall never saw and
his species captured for a new
S. Geyeri Anders. with a
bigger N. than I have room for
- or deliberately suppressing S.
balsamifera ^{Pallas} in order to make
room for S. pygmaea Anders
- The man could lie and steal
on any occasion when he seemed
to think detection remote and
improbable! - "I still don't see
why you need to prove that the
old S. arctica Pall = S. Pallasii Anders"

Why! because on this hinges the whole question - If I can prove them ~~equal~~ ^{different} then *S. Pallasi* must be changed back to *S. arctica* Pall. and then the name of *S. arctica* R. Br. being ^{anticipated} ~~pre-occupied~~ must needs be replaced by the *S. Brownii* which I propose - I do not rely so much on Andersen's admission or fraudulent opinion either - as I do on the fact that there is no escaping the conviction upon characters ^{given} alone. Thus Pallas had in view the plants of Eastern Siberia and the Alaskan shores - and not the plants of Greenland, Eastern Arctic America - Labrador &c. - These characters are pronounced and fortunately are described in an extreme form as far as possible from the *S. arctica* of R. Br. I wonder a little that in repeating them Andersen did not paraphrase more than he did

The actual verbal coincidence
in these columns is damning.
But enough. After making the
emendations and corrections herein
note. please read my paper
over again. and tell me why
it is that I fail to make my
statements clear. I confess it
troubles me to find that you
got "snarled". If a careful
thorough reader like yourself
can't make out what I mean
- then I may ~~well~~ as well realize
that the average fellow will go over
about two pages and then jump
in disgust. Still I know it is
something I never forget. -) That precious
few persons care for Willows anyway.
- and my record is more a mere
technical contribution to science
than anything of interest beyond
that. - I value your long letters
(especially when I know that your time
- minute by minute - has a money
value) and thank you again
for your really helpful criticisms

That Melia's notice means only
foolishness - Don't you ever have
things upon you just such
stuff!

Don't imagine that all this
time I have forgotten the
photographs in town - We were
all delighted to get it - You
know you that for some
reason which you may con-
sider me as flattery a way
as you show - Mr Deane is
a botanical correspondent in
whom the whole family seem
to have taken a personal
interest - There were various criti-
cisms which I have been to report
only one of the children said
that you "didn't look so much
like a botanist as like an
energetic young business man
who was pretty well satisfied
with the way the world had
used him" - I received Mr
Watson's picture at almost the
same time - How much older

he has grown since I saw him
last - 16 or 17 years ago - Dear me -
is it so long ago as that!

I have laid aside for you some
nice specimens of *S. arctica* R. Br. - both
of the Pallasian species I have
had two specimens myself and
no duplicate - there being, supplemented
by tracings from the material in
the Gray Herb. which is still in
my hands. One of the jobs I have
ahead of me is the re-arrangement of
the varieties under both species
and hence I did not return the
Gray specimens with the rest of the
Herb.

Yours cordially
Wm. Lobb

Crozier hits the nail on the head. He
writes me "I see the personal elements
that makes you hesitate. It looks, on the face
of it, like doing what Anderson did, viz.,
knowing one species and capturing another
for yourself. I don't think you would hesitate
at all if you were simply restoring the two
species to their proper authors."

926 Frank Ave
Rockford Ills
April 10th 1899

My dear friend Deane
I read, next
morning, in the newspaper
how the good people of Mass.
had been spending their
good day - but no mention
was made of those persons
who wasted themselves of the
occasion the causes public
libraries in the interest of
science - Possibly the Throop
did not attract the notice
of the reporter.

Thanks over and over again
for the notes on S. Nebraska.
They have gone into the
series even along with the
specimens of this little miller
to be used by us. You always
give full measure - something
more than I asked for and
therefore ^{your notes are} all the more
acceptable - for instance

in this case - Mr Taylor,
account of how the species
grows in some spots in
Greenland - I think I must
use that when I come to
S. herbacea. in the "White
Mountain Willows" series -

I have some gardening, and
other out-of-door work to do and
shall be obliged to let up on
botany, for the present - I intend
(and hope a good intention means
not miscarry short of expectations)
to do a little old fashioned
collecting at the lakes this
summer - Not much. but just
enough for the pleasure of it -
If I do I shall have something
beside Willows to send you - Not
much - and nothing, that will be
new - only interesting, possibly an
account of the locality -

Yours cordially
W. S. Lath

Later - Wednesday P.M. - The
Gortman has just left your
letter of the 6th. and I add a
few lines - without of course having
taken any time to consider - I
will put your letter with all the
rest of the memoranda to be
considered in a final revision
of my paper - But my present
feeling is that I will make
few changes. ~~of course~~ - Your
suggestion may be a good one
- and I may come round to see
the matter just as you put it
- and yet I must confess that
without taking time to consider
it strikes me that having
made the sweeping assertion that
Andersson gave a new name to the
old S. arctica Pall. transformed the
authority of Pallas to a species of
which he was entirely ignorant
and left Robert Brown not
entirely - I reach a climax.

after which I would only weaken
my statements by amplifications -
Hence I put the comparison of
Pallas' *S. arctica* - and Anderson's
S. Pallasi in a foot note

We have no "family group" - (There
was a lapse when I read this &
but I may send you one of
these days my set of family
pictures - just to give you
an impression of the family
Bibbi -

Yours ever
B -

926 Front Ave
Rockford Ill
May 13/89

Dear friend Deane

I am just home from a weeks visit in and about Chicago. where I have living a sister - two sons - a daughter and two nieces - all married. I had the "bundle" to get around on time - the letter from D. Morn came while I was away - It has been read, duly appreciated, and lies now on my table undread and addressed to Prof Bailey.

Wife and I had intended to go up the Landerdale Lakes a week from to-day, to build a kitchen addition to our cottage. But there is so much to be done here at home we have postponed going until the next Monday - that is two weeks from to-day.

I came out from Chicago on a new line recently completed by the Illinois Central R.R. - It was a great experience. To begin with the old rail roads - in a prairie country - present in the enclosed right of way, the best botanical preserves that the country affords - spoiled neither by cultivation nor pasturage - Furthermore at every 6 to 9 miles there is sure to be a little country town and trading station, P.O. &c - Now this track of the Ill. Central. is an air line projected by one of the most powerful R.R. corporations in the country. It runs over high prairie - the whole distance from Chicago to Rockford 100 miles is made without touching the outskirts even of a single village - it goes diving through farmers back door yards that look astonished to be so suddenly exposed to public view - and the way side is as interesting and a botanical point of view as

a stubble field or a late
plowing.

I have nothing of
potamonic interest to communicate.
Indeed I fear I shall have
to beg your patience and
forgiveness while I run through
one of those seasons when
botany (but not botanists)
ceases to occupy my thoughts.
Humboldt's description in describing
his experience in addressing
a British Port during the
war times said it was like
trying to drive a team of
run away horses and making
love to a woman at the same
time. I am not up to any
such feats "at all at all" - I
might manage the team if I
give my whole thoughts and
physical energy to the task.
I am pretty sure all things
being favorable I could get
through the other part of the
business - but I should make

only a flat failure in both
if I tried them together -

When I am working about home
and have a whole list of things
to be done. I pitch right in and
dig away to the end. Then I
am ready for the next thing -
I believe I managed more work
in the year or once when I was
younger - but have gotten out
of the way of that sort of thing
of late. And a part of this
which is a reserve fund of
energy that even Doctor Hony
must possess for a man of
his years - not just first in a
sprint. but bearing, a steady dog
day after day - months after
months - It is astonishing -

Yours cordially
W. L. Dyer

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill
June 12/19

My dear friend Deane:

Just back from the
Lakes, where I put in my time
faithfully like an old time
Carpenter working by the job,
who never heard of such a thing
as 8 hours for a days work.
Wife went along and acted as
tender and general overseer -
kepr the tables going - ordered
me off work - and when it came
8 o'clock darkened all the windows
and said it was bed time, got
up by the watch, let in the
light when she thought best
and in fact acted as a little
local goddess of sunshine -
in a reasonable measure quite
independent of the wholesale
flood of light. We are quite
proud of our new kitchen - built
separate from the cottage with
covered way between - southern

garbim. It is rather small
for the spread of the roof how-
ever - and looks like a country
boy in a broad brimmed straw
hat.

I am sorry to say the
Gazette sent me no extras of my
last Willow paper. I was
looking all along for the galley
proof - and intended to write on
that the number desired. When
first thing I knew 'long came
the thing, all in print. It
was my own Gazette - and yet
I feel sorry that it did not
reach the Courier, that as I had
had extras of all the other
nos of this series I could want
the same of this.

We go up to the Lakes
"for good" June 29th. My address
will be Landerdale Lakes, near
Elkhorn, Wis. I shall hope
to hear from you as often as
the spirit moves - and through
you from the botanical world

generally. I will promise to
write in return. But at the
same time with some "twitching
qualms of conscience" less
performance may miscarry.

"Forsotitis and dyspepsia"
What a miserable combination!
Either alone were bad enough.

D Bortow has sent ^(loaned) me some
drawings, belonging to "Columbia
Coll. made under D Barratt's
direction to illustrate a work
on American Willows. They
settle some things very conclu-
sively - about which men quarrel -
I am settling, not to catch up
three weeks arrears of correspondence
- and begin on you with three
pages - at this rate I shall not
get through in time -

Cordially

W. S. Lath

Lansdowne Lake near
Elkhorn Wis (P.L.)

Aug 31 / 97
July

My dear friend Deane

About a week ago
I had a severe attack of neuralgia
lasting, from midnight till daybreak.
More nerves than I ever imagined
transversed the left side of my head were
involved. I have been slowly recovering
since. The severe pain left almost as
suddenly as it came on - and I have
been wondering if physical debility was
a cause or consequence - the two ~~is~~ that
is the neuralgia and a state of
absolute ~~exhaustion~~ ^{exhausted} and good-for-nothingness
^{more or entirely} the contemporaneous. I have sought
a shady spot on the lake shore
for the sake of peace and quietness
(feeling unusually sensitive to all
human and especially boy noises),
but from back in the country comes
the muffled rattling of a harvesting
machine. The camp with its lazy
atmosphere is not far away from
the busy world after all!

I rec^d a letter a few days ago from
D. Watson. In due course he had just
reached my William Mts. which you will
remember I was rushed to get ready
by June 1st because there was going
to be trouble in the N. Y. printing office
if I did not. I am both pleased and
surprised to learn D. W. over heartily
approved. He wrote me last winter that
the only changes he might find necessary
would be in the "direction of brevity" and
now he writes me that he had wanted
make whatever - which pleases me best
of all - for I had cut down those directions
and in every way so diligently sought
brevity of expression I wondered where some
of the same sort of work was to come in
and keep the same -

D. Watson has sent me the proof
of my 3 White Mt. William papers. Coming
the hand after so long an interval it
was almost new to the writer even - I
believe I have so presented the matter of
the restoration of Salix Penn. nesi as to put
R. Cutleri to rest in mind of - all time
to come. Indeed if D. Gray had not been
too willing to follow him from Anderson

"Albany" the name would never have
gained any publicity in this
country.

I hope you are enjoying
your vacation and that change of
air and freedom from restricted
cares may have wrought great
improvement in Mrs Deans health.
I never visited Brownadock. but I
recall very distinctly a day spent
on the summit of ~~Manchewick~~ ^{say twenty two for eye & nose} about
twenty years ago. ~~for~~ A storm
passed between the two mountains
and the whole scene was to me
^{with novel}
~~new~~ and inspiring - I was a
westerner born and bred and had
never looked down upon a storm before.
besides I had fallen desperately in
love with a New England maiden
who was contemplating the scene
from beneath the same umbrella so
that accurate! Oh I remember
~~Brownadock~~ ^{as seen} in the distance more
vividly!

No. I am ashamed to say
I haven't put in a single word
for you or my self or anybody

I can't tell how this time you I
am sure. For this is myself and
the boys are building a boat house
and there are a family of eight with
most of the time one to three guests
there is always a good deal to be
done to keep things going and not
make the work burdensome to a
few - Somebody must go over to Mrs Phelps
for apples - or down to "the hermits" for
berries - or to Mrs Williams for butter -
or up to Mrs Dumbars for a pair of
chickens - and it is daily. For Mrs
Robt says that no matter how independent
her family may be with regard to in-
vitations they exhibit a wonderful
and encouraging persistence in their
efforts at the table.

Now this is not much for a letter
but I hope you will take the will
for the deed. and not promise me by
being so long in answering as I have
been - our appeal in which I have
not the whole family would write
were they with me.

Yours most cordially
W. L. Webb

P.S. You doubtless heard Frank Allen
reply the Grand on "Our Better Values"
question - and noticed that Allen
availed himself of the very
points wherein our friends had
lain himself open to attack by
unguarded and extraordinary
statements - But Allen in turn
makes admissions so abundantly
that subvert entirely the force of
his rejoinder and I should not
wonder if Frank picked him up - only
perhaps he has "other fish to
fry"

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Sept 5/89

My dear Mr Deane:-

I have a standing request, I believe, the supply of me with the autographs of distinguished American botanists. I hope I am guilty of no breach of courtesy in sending one from a person still living. And with no reference to this autograph - not the slightest - is it not queer that a citizen - "a free and enlightened citizen of this great and glorious Republic" - may become a "Professor of Botany and Forestry" - a "Master of Arts" - a "Master of Science" and a "Doctor of Philosophy" and yet not be able to write a single sentence of good English. nor the proposed what is evidently felt to be a delicate question in any other than the rudest and most indelicate terms? On the whole - for the credit of the fraternity

you may as well suppress this
example - a request all the more
freely put since my name
appears at the top.

We returned from Landisville
just a week ago to-day and
already begin to feel fairly settled
things in place. The children started
in school - and so on. It is not
improbable, now, that wife and I
may return to the cottage about the
last of this month. Partly for the
quiet and rest (and that we need it only
we like to get off once in a while just for a
few days by ourselves). Partly to enjoy
the autumnal tints of the landscape -
- above all the transplanted native shrubs
the places on the shore, where the former
owner (an ignorant "granger") cut them
all away "to clean up the lot and
make it saleable".

Your last letter was welcome
as your letters always are. Had the
flesh not been so awfully lazy the
prompting of the spirit might have
brought back another letter to pass you

on the way -

Looking a little after 6 pages of the Manual has taught me a wholesome respect for the ability that looks after 600. I am not surprised to learn that Mr Watson is "entirely devoted" to the Manual.

I did not make a single specimen - not one. Once I had in my hands some splendid plants (botanically speaking) of Epilobium molle - fine foliage - fine fruit and flowers beautifully expanded - conscience reproved. But like the Englishman called by his servants at midnight to see the sun sweep the horizon in northern Norway - I thought I would wait till next year!

I am glad you mentioned Wallace's book to me. I will certainly send it. I enjoyed very much and read his Malay Archipelago and Island Life - I like the man anyway. He displayed such a noble spirit in yielding gracefully his independence of discovery of Natural Selection to Darwin - a spirit matched by Darwin's

moderators and magnanimity in
acknowledging the country -

I shall be glad - I need scarcely say
as much - the read Mr Morris's letter -

I have never known Mr Bailey
personally - but off and on through a
period of ten years we have
written to each other - when either
could help - most frequently I myself
being the solicitor of some donation
gratified by Olney's list - on the library
of "Brown"

I look forward to my winter
as promising, a season of quiet William
work - all after my own sweet will -
Nothing, that "must be in by January 1st"
I love to procrastinate and hate to be
hurried

Did I tell you that after my
guess that the Hookerian specimens of
S. Hookerianus were really collected by
Scudder on the "P. M. Coast" I have found
^{positive and} ^{evidence} ~~up~~ ^{conclusion} that such in fact
was the case!

Yours cordially
W. L. Lub

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
Sept 18th / 99

My dear Mr Deane

I thank you
for the pleasure which the reading
of Mr Morris's letters has afforded
not only myself but family and
friends as well. What a bright,
energetic, hopeful spirit in
what a sinewy little body!
I fancy our friends is as well
in body and mind as the
much extolled Paraguayan
Christie, regular habits and
American occupations combine
him. Much is due no doubt to the
exhilaration which change of
climate is so likely to induce -
much to regular habits and
an enthusiastic mental stimulus
accompanying out of door exercise -
More "constitutional" training I
take no stock in. I was reading
only the other day in St Nicholas

of the wonderful mental activity
of little Helen Keller - but it
occurred to me that her entire
mind force was concentrated
upon her studies - not unconsciously
dissipated by the thousand and
one impressions through all the
senses of which other children
happily receive as part and parcel
of a full life. Even in Mr
Worms letters you read between
the lines his isolation from the
busy life of the nineteenth century -
he goes to market - he studies the
native flora - he sleeps well nights -
No dissipation - no magazines - no
billiards - no wife and
children - no clubs - no friends to
entertain - Now don't imagine
for a moment that I am going
on to prove that any body - say
Mr B for instance - ^{inspired by} of concentrating
all his faculties in one channel
might do just the same thing -
Our friends activity at his age
is wonderful - so is Helen Keller

a wonder. The idea of our doing
as is that in both instances
the ~~the~~ achievements which seem
so extraordinary are in part
explicable by conditions which
enforce concentration of mind.

After what you have
written I am really, and
truly ashamed of myself that
I did not preserve Thun Plant
of Epilobium ovale - But depend
upon it - if I go to Sunderland
next summer, your herbarium
shall no longer lack a full
representation of this species -

I can not trust myself
to allude to the shadow
of sadness and anxiety which
hung over you when your
letter was written - I gather
from what you write - and
some things said by Mr. Henry
that your father is sinking
under the weight of years -

I know not what "three score
and ten" may bring, of weariness
but just starting down the shady
side of life and passing the
50th mile stone is enough to
convince me that the loosening
of our hold on the affairs of
this life is gentle, inevitable -
and not ungrateful - We waken
and drop - a heavy drowsiness
overtakes us - the circle that was
once complete with our own intense
self consciousness as a center has
drifted over the river - little by
little - till at last the center
itself is moved up to the
dividing line - the circle overlaps
almost as much beyond as on
the hither side - and then it
~~finds away~~ ^{away} the center itself
finds ^{away} from us - but we are still
left within its boundary of
love and affection -

Sincerely yours

M. L. Beebe

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Oct 17 /89

My dear friend

Did I tell you? Wife
and I went up to Sandusky for
two weeks partly to enjoy the autumn-
nal landscape. partly to do some
work which could not well be
accomplished while the whole family
were occupying the cottage - the very
day after I got there I went over
to the sphagnum bog to see if Ep.
mille. might not get present good
fruiting specimens - but it had gone
by entirely. However for my own
herb. and for material from which
to draw a paper offering to a
disappointed friend I did pick up
other things that presented themselves
as not without interest - the first of
these was the autumnal foliage of
Betula pumila - Your herbarium is
different from mine if among all your
specimens you have other than the
leaves taken ~~along~~ with fruiting

aments - Now the shrub makes its annual growth - and stores up nutriment the resource for next seasons drain in flowering, and fruitage, later - and I was quite surprised to find the leaves so much larger at this season than they are represented by all the specimens I had seen -

Next one Aster which I take to be the form of A. paniculatus here mentioned by Dr. Gray Syn. of Flora Vol. 1. p. 11 p. 188. as "A small and slender form in Northern sphagnum bogs with linear leaves - resembling S. longifolius in habit and foliage" - This may be familiar enough to you. It is hard for me to realize that every botanist is not so unfamiliar with the plants of a "cold sphagnum bog" as I am myself.

Is Patterson selling out his herbarium - or only selected duplicates? - What is the matter with the poor fellow anyway? He was all enthusiasm about botany - then came a season when his own name and

that of a lady associate appeared
on his labels. then a brief notice
of his marriage - and that was
the last of botany - excepting,
an delightful letter two or three years
later about the disposition ^{which} he
then proposed to make of his
collection. He is not in robust health
- that I know. He may have found
greater satisfaction in other divisions
of activity. but I am sorry we
lost him as a botanist.

Your allusion to Salix amygdaloides
as a desideratum reminds me that
good, characteristic leaves of this
species are among my little
collection made at Landerdale -

I have not gotten down to
my regular winter work - if work
it may be called - hence the bird
jackets have not as yet been
made the convenient catches all for
guests to be fired at my
friend M. D. but there is one thing
I have long had in mind to
inquire about and will mention

now. That is Salix acutifolia. So
mention made of this species in
the Flora Boreali-Americana - and if it
will give pleasure copy for me all
that may be therein given - No hurry
- anytime if we happen to think of
it when the Flora is within your
reach -

I am glad to learn that Mrs
Deane finds herself so much the better
for her summers outing - but you
you, Matter Deane - troubled with "Dyspepsia!"
Well you are a paradox anyway!
A few more days gone by I knew that
my friend Jessup had dyspepsia - I
suspected it long before he told me that
his "sands were nearly run out" and he
had taken to botany as a diversion
&c &c - (He's alive and well still so far as
I know) but I never should have suspected
you.

Yours cordially
W. L. Lill

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Nov 18th / 19

I do sympathize with you
— my dear friend — and with
your desolate mother. I can
not but think of the great
tie which has been broken,
however gently, and of the
curse guesses that must follow.
For such a loss is one which
oppresses not so much with a
sense of immediate sorrow
as with the feeling that the
void which has been left is
one that can never be filled.
Counsels heretofore relied upon
are lost. Burdens heretofore
resting upon his shoulders
must now be borne by others.

From the very little gathered
from your letters — a mere sug-
gestion purchase — here and there —
I think of your father and

a student, as one who had
achieved an honorable position
in life, as the "the bright
centre of the household". And
at last in the fullness of
years, he "quietly dropped off,
to sleep". Envious career!
Away with the philosophy, that
would crush our hearts with
the conviction that this is the
end of such a life!

Sometimes - I would not
ask it now - I wish you would
tell me something of your
parentage.

Of other matters in
response to your letter of
a week ago I will write later.

Mrs Webb and the children
wrote to write with me in the
expression of sympathy -

Sincerely yours

Wm L Webb

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
Nov 26/19

My dear Mr Deane:-

I grew to manhood before the war. Character, aspirations, ideas concerning the conduct of life all received a decided coloring, if not a decided bias from the then existing social conditions. I have tried ineffectually to adjust myself to the change. No! That is not a precise statement of the fact. I have not tried! I have held on, rather, as nearly as possible to the old ideals and tried ineffectually to realize them. That's it! I have an old fashioned fire place built of brick - no veneer of mosaic tiles. A pair of antique wrought iron dogs to support the "firestick" of hickory and the "back log" of maple (hickory for its ruddy cheerful blaze, maple for the bed of glowing embers into which it falls down late in the evening.) A sturdy oak mantel that whatever merit

a democrat in every sense has
this much at least to be said
in its favor that nobody would
suspect its having been bought
at a cabinet shop to be screwed
to the chimney breast for ornament.
The children are that "father designed
this fireplace and then built the
house around it" and there are not
far from the truth.

Pardon this apparently gratuitous
intrusion of my own personal
affair but I wanted you to realize
(and I did not know how better I
could bring you to realize) that in
the very nature of the case the
contemplation of such a life as
that of your father could not but
excite in me the deepest feeling
of admiration! Would to Heaven
that the class of business men to
which he belonged was not so
nearly extinct! I have read with
much satisfaction the slips herewith
returned but best of all is your
letter, so brimming with vivid
personalities as to make me feel

as if I had been admitted to the
room of a delightful household.
My boys have no grander
living but they are quite of one
mind in recognizing grandfather
Watson as an ideal which they
would be overjoyed to realize
in the Beth family.

Now that I know you have a
brother living in Chicago I shall
hope to have the pleasure, sometime,
of welcoming you and yours to
Rockford. and while my wife and
family would enjoy the visit socially
almost equally with myself, I must
have one advantage over them when
I for you cornered in the herbarium
next to the cares of Willows. Whether
you would find Willows something
of a bore before I let you off is
an open question.

It will be only a pleasure
to revise Mr Pardo's collection. I
always enjoy looking over such
illustrations of a local Willow flora.
— a pleasure near akin to

botanizing, in the open north
mosquitoes - not feet and fatigue
left out. You may send the
package any time but unless Mr Brand
particularly desires that it receive
immediate attention I would rather
not promise to report till after
Jan ^{1st}.

I must not fail to thank
you for the transcription from
Robert H. Brand.

Yours sincerely
Wm. L. Roth

P.S. Commend me to the Bot. Gazette for
courtesy to contributors! They not only
have never charged me a cent for
reprints, but when Britton found that
none had been made of my No IV
Willow trees of his own accord - (and
not giving me a chance to counter-
mand) he had the matter set up
again and the prints made, and I
can not get a word out of him as
to what the work cost.

526 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
Dec 10th /19

My dear Mr Deane - I ought to
have acknowledged, without delay,
the safe arrival of the package
of Mr Deser Salices and am
ashamed of myself for having
neglected to do so. I have only
made a hasty reconnoissance of
the collection in hand and must
defer a report in detail till I
can give the specimens a
more careful examination.
As a whole the collection reminds
me of one made by M Porter
years ago. in New Brunswick -
As you may surmise I, like
our friend Mr S Faxon, was
interested and surprised to find
P. balsamifera so fully represented.
In the main the determinations
are correct - save that one species
(represented by leaves only) is
confounded therop in a number

of instances with I. overboard -
Part of all this more anon -
No. You have not sent me
recently "a letter" from Mr Manning
the last I had from you was
a whole envelope full - three long
letters if I remember aright -
about the time we came home
from the Lakes. - Mr Manning's last
communication to the Gazette but
exhibits in some parts the freedom
and dash of his private letters
to yourself - otherwise his
public utterances have been to
me disappointing - Not that I did
not read them with interest - but
only that I felt how far short
they fell of the sparkling humor
the vivid description - even the fact
communicated - of his letters which
you have so kindly shared
with brother William -
This is another of my letters
written against time - the second
I am struck by the school children - I
am always ashamed of them - but
in the present instance less ashamed

if every part of it is correct then I should have
thought it contained all the - give me a
copy of it

926 Grant Ave

Rockford Ill

Dec 21st 189

My dear Mr Deane:-

Delays are apt to become chronic at this season and I therefore make an effort to return at once Mr. Morongs letters which you were very kind to send me. Wife and I have enjoyed this little unconscious revelation of character quite as much as anything else in the letters.

I hope to hear from Mr. Penn
before reporting on the St. Louis
Yellow. but farther to nine
children or. I grandfather to four
more I don't think of such an
absurdity as doing botanical
work these days.—

Your autographed letter from
"Dear old Do-Durlington" I
must prize - By the way
I have an old photograph
of Durlington - I found two

one ~~hundred~~ years ago. when I
reminded you its absence from
his collection that there was
more - all the same I have
one. If you would care to see
it I will send it to you.
- It is a very faint - poor
specimen of photography as
compared with the pictures of
today. On the other hand it
possesses the merit of not
being "sandpapered" -

You can't tempt me to
say another word about the
evanescent line between *fragilis*
ma - and *fragilis* & *alba*. until I
have somewhat arrived at a
definite judgement of my own
as between the views of Miss
Baker & the German Botanists
generally and Hooker, Baker and
the English school. This answer
I am last sending -

Wishing you and yours a
Happy Christmas I remain, as
ever
Cordially your friend
Miss Webb

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill
Dec 29/89

My dear Mr Deane: -

From early morn when
the youngsters came tumbling
down stairs before it was yet light
to explore the depths of their stockings
until late in the evening, when
the last member of the family,
put out the lights and went -
(rather tired withal) - to bed we
had one of just the merriest
happiest Christmases my wife
lost a ripple of discontent the
more the enjoyment of the family
festivity. The children were hilarious
and the old folk serenely content.
The demon of misfit who stalks
abroad at this season overcoming
some good, kindly, well-intentioned

souls. happily brought not a
single one of our friends under
his baleful spell. On the
contrary many a little gift
was rendered twice welcome
because it at once recalled some
wish expressed months ago and
forgotten. some as loving remem-
brance on the part of others
carried it on to the joyous
season of good will to all. There
was only one mail delivery,
that early in the forenoon. so
along about 5 P.M. the boys went
down to the office to see if there
was purchase any thing else
there. I was the only lucky
one. got your letter of the 22nd
brim full of the Christmas spirit
and (I rather imagine to the
envy of the rest of the family)

had my season of curiosity and
pleasant anticipation prolonged
for "2 or 3 weeks" - something "quite
botanical", that you know I will
like" and so explicitly you know!
Well I am completely bent! Had
you written from St Petersburg
instead of England I could
imagine half a dozen things you
might be sure out of process -
process ^{have} gotten for me that I
never could get for myself but
why you should send down across
the Atlantic the England for
a little token of remembrance
I can not imagine - something
not to be had in Boston of
course - and thus shuts out so
much that the margin left

your guess work seems a mere
blunder -

I had intended to send you
by this time a thin packag-
-ette of Willows stiffened with
a few fresh gatherings made at
Lonsdale last autumn. but I
have a general job that I want
to do first. I have now
decisively ^{come} to the conclusion that it
will not pay (in a good sense of
the word) to continue the distribution
of the Herb. Salicium - I suppose I
have at least 20 numbers already
made up into sets. These sets I am
intending to unmake - getting all
the specimens of each set ^{specimens} together
again - and then I will send ~~them~~
to only such persons as will really
care to have them. It would have
been better if I had ^{years ago} thus imparted
much material that has lain in

my store room mired by anyone.
fading with age. liable to injury &c
Only one draw back to this. Only one
thought that gives me a thringe
of conscience - Ten of the numbers
(perhaps more) were sent to me
with the understanding that the
material was to be distributed
in a continuation of the
Reb. Sal. - Some of them (Allen
Labradon plants for instance)
so long ago that I have now
lost all track of my whilom
correspondent and do not even
know his P.O. address or as to
explain - I imagine that he has
given up botany - but anyway,
I'd sooner return the material
than undertake to distribute it.
Some of the first sets of the

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Jan 3rd 90

Dear Mr Deane

I am dull and
spiritless this morning - The
natural reaction no doubt
from the week holiday
experiment. Will you deem it
a compliment - or not - that I
dare to write you a letter in
such a mood?

The photograph of Dr Darling
is copied from an old Daguer-
reotype - I can not make out
will gratify your curiosity for
the passing moment. It is
probably not as good a likeness
of the old gentleman - Taken at
his best - as you already have
in the still engraving received
from Mr Townsend. Stay the way

You doubtless know of the unique
fresco painting in the Bank at
Chertsey - bridge and passing
strange one generation ago and
impossible now - over one door
a picture of Darlingtonia - over
the other of Lorosaecidia!

I wish I could have been
with you and our friend & Hapson
at the Gray Herbarium the same
caught a bit of your enthusiasm.
Here at the west the Laboratory
Botanists have smothered out
all growth and development of
the old sort - I have made a
few feeble kicks - but they are the
idle kicks of an old foggy - We
used to have and had a very many
years ago at this - a group of
enthusiastic field Botanists in
Illinois - but they are all dead
or "inactive" - and no younger ones
take their place - We have a
fine class right before us in this
city - all the modern improvements

laboratory are done - by machine
the next. I wish I could bounce
both and send the students after
for healthful exercise of both mind
and body!

Do you know how flat
your engraving will come? We
are quite excited in this little
town over the question of having
our cars run by electricity. I sent
the pictures on this morning to see
if we were right or not.

There is only one thing that will
save the Monroe's "Kerbarism" and that
is a thorough treatment with the
vapors of carbon bisulphide. It will
be a job for the owner if he
"ever comes back". Some years ago
I gave in the Lafayette a translation
of M. Kerbarism's account of his
method which struck me as very
good.

Well, thank Heaven my wife is
not "old" - just the reverse - and you

must not get me off on an expedition
alone - of two years duration. For all
the botanical party that the whole
considerable flora of South America
has to give - I just leave that
for some other future!

I have now or got seeds from
the plants. By the way, you
"other" person is a person of great
importance -

Cordially,

Walter

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills
Jan 7/13th 1890

Dear Mr Deane:-

Your N. B. Willows
were rec^d yesterday: in fact they
went to church in my overcoat
pocket. One specimen - leaves only
very white - woolly beneath is Salix
canadica. The other two, forms of
S. longifolia from a station farther
"down east" than the plant has
ever been found before! Will
you please ask your correspondents
to collect this for me next season,
either sending the specimens direct
by mail - or through your hands.
The willows are about the only things
now that I make an effort to
keep up in my herbarium - taking

other things than simply that as
they ~~are~~ come - The Williams I like
to have fully illustrated - as the
form - distribution &c -

Here is a slip from the hip
pocket. When you are next on
the way back, kindly ascertain
for me the date of publication
of Bentham's Plantae Weddigiannae.
(also is that the correct spelling?)

I must tell you something
about *Salix fragilis* and so providely
prove the wisdom of my recent
testimony - There is a Dr. Buchanan
White who is shortly to publish a paper
in the Botanical Journal, where Baker
says is "the best Williamsian of the
present generation in Britain".
- B. gave us a sort of introduction and
I have just had a good letter
from the Botanum - Now what do
you think of this just for instance
"I think I have got to the bottom

of the confusion about *Smiths*
Russelliana. It has often been
referred to fragilis x alba but is
nothing of the kind - it is fragilis
pure and simple - *Smiths fragilis*
on the other hand is not the
domineering species but fragilis x alba
there!! From this mistake of
Smiths endless confusion has
arisen - I should say, as much.
Again "the ordinary British form of
fragilis is not the same as the
continental form" (that I knew before)
- And so things are all in a toss
and before this manner is
out I am ready with corrections
and emendations for the
next edition! And some will
MacCarthy (an Irishman man
any way) "rose up on his
blind legs" a few years ago

and gracely informed us that
all the work that could be
done ~~here~~ in systematic
botany had been done,
finished up and shelved,
by "Torrey-Gray-and Oh! my
goodness-Varey!" The paper
was published in the Trans of the
Marion Mitchell Institution or some
other trust- and the auctioneers
gave me a copy all marked ^{with direful interest} and
scored up - settle me right down
into the earth in account of
something I had printed in
the Gazette about the Laboratory
Botanists -

Cordially
O Berr

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
June 9th /90

Dear Mr Deane:-

I was busy all the forenoon of yesterday copying portions of Barratts letters to Mr Abraham Halsey (1833-7) and making notes. The letters are the property of Columbia College and are loaned to me by Dr Britton. Tired of writing, in the afternoon I changed off to a job that kept me on my legs until 4 o'clock. Then I was tired all over. Happen just as I was through and had put away my work there came to hand the tribute to the memory of your father: (your letter had been received in the morning) and I threw myself into an easy chair and read every word of it from your personal manuscript in

the title page to the back of Mr
Somerset's articles which I enjoyed
more on the re-reading. In having
meanwhile, since you first sent it
to me, learned so much more of
the character and career of your
father - Our peculiarity of your
father's mental endowment - his
ability to bring forth at will
the most out-of-the-way and obscure
facts of early Colonial history,
reminds me sorely of my dear
old friend J. B. Russell to whom
I was for several years associated
in the Pension Office - we having
charge together of the same division.
One of Mr Russell's sons was Colonel of
the 3^d Mass Colored Infantry - and the
father always considered himself a
Massachusetts man though he was
appointed to the Pension Office from
Ohio - having been, just before, one
of the editorial corps of the Cincinnati
Commercial. Coming down to financial
affairs to me - the contrast provokes

a smile for Mrs Russell had a family, of daughters of which she was very proud and for whom she was moderately ambitious. The consequence was that the family expenses were kept so close up to the family income that the least strain brought a break down - I think Mr R had failed twice in business before he found a safe harbor and a bit of peace as a government clerk - But I am thinking, with my pen, all this will have no interest for you

Of whom do you get your best paper and how much does it cost you? I have always bought in rather large lots - getting thereby the trade discount - And the other day in getting things ready for the winter work I was surprised to find that stock of mounting paper

was run so low that I had not
enough for immediate use -

If you have a supply on hand
could you spare me a ream - or
half ream - till I can find time
to turn around and replenish
my stock. Be perfectly frank and
say no - if compliance is going
to inconvenience you in the
least - I only want to mount
a lot of Willows - and am already
half inclined to tear up this
half sheet and let the specimens
lie in packing papers a while
longer.

Did you meet Prof Dudley?

What manner of man is he?

I was looking over the book for a
little list of your desiderata among
Willows but did not find it. It may
be thrown up. I recall *S. amygdaloides* - ^{= *Prunella*} *arctica*,
S. adenophylla and some *myrtillorides* &c.
Did I send you my *petiolaris* x cordata hybrids -
or *S. vestita* Bush Coll Allen. Yours cordially
Mabel Beeth

926 Grand Ave

Rockford Ill

Jan 15th 1900

Dear Mr Deane:-

If you are quite
sure that you can let me have
a ream of your mounting paper
without running short yourself.
Before an opportunity to replenish
your stock turns up I will be
very glad to profit by your
generosity; - Otherwise you had
better let me tackle D Watson.

The next time you join with a
few friends in ~~examining~~ ^{your mounting paper} an
order. Please let me in with you
for I feel that from this out
my requirements will be much
less than they once were and I
will have need to avail myself
of the advantages such a combi-
nation gives. Like yourself I began

by being let in with D'frays large
orders. The paper was sent to me
direct from the manufacturers but at
the same rate charged D'f. Once
when the paper was not satisfactory
D'fray made them take it all back
round it over and finish according
to specifications "I suppose. Having Mr B
having the "force of character" to get a
thing like that done for himself.
When D'fray went to Europe this arrangement
ended and I was left to shift for myself.
So long as I had 2-3000 sheets to mount
during a winter I got on well enough
but that sort of work. I mean that
extent of general curatorial work is a
thing of the past for me. I could not
do it even if I wanted to. I have
neither the time nor the physical ability.
A few reams now and then will keep
the millows going and that is about all
I purpose doing.

Have read Morley's letters with much interest.
They have the dash and sparkling humor of his
first accounts of life in America. There just
before seemed to me the bittern dullness, lack of
zest as if his work were accomplished and like all
accomplished work to tell as well as the rest. I no
longer miss writing the diary as much as I did in
anticipation. I am glad I have some millows to
send for that will be good to your work. Do not hesitate to
make out your list of desiderata. I will surely find
the volume. It can not be altogether lost, only misplaced.

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Jan 26th 90

Dear Mr. Deane:—

I am shut in, or held in, by the grip: having just pulled through what kind of a struggle upon convalescence intense and pleasant to call the meanest stage of the disease. I feel all worked out and bedraggled anyway—and here it is almost the end of January. Twenty times a day I think of the Egyptian housekeeper who called up her maid of all-work Monday morning, with 'Jane! Jane!' git right up. And you know this is much morning, the morning is morning and next day cleaning, the chamber half the week gone and I not a thing done yet!

I want to thank you however—on another how dull and thick headed I may feel of in the realm of nice business paper. Of course it will differ a little—as different notes always to find any I have ever had before, and as most of it will be used to answer bills I shall have no end of reminders or attend all through the portion of my heart that is used most of the year I who kept out when a piece came!

I should say from the bottom, the fly, receding
on edges and corners that your plate was
in the way of careful packing. - packed boards
and plenty of tissue were wisely taken.

Is it the intention in your book to secure
as full an illustration as possible of the flora of
a definite district - and if so what are your
limits. Presumably, that the plants inside the
bordering lines will receive prime consideration
but about an occasional clipping over the
calix. I have found, and indeed, the list
which I had drawn up. But I see it relates only
to the West Cal. and I think in the present
magnitude of material your wants will not
be supplied in any of the other. On material No 33 & 34
I recall as belonging to a California region
of which the "S. fls" have never been found.

When Pasture pointed his bookworm looks
your way from years ago he said me a lot
of extra pages for Calix but undoubtedly all
the prints of one page got mixed up so that I
never could use either - yesterday I was
surprised and pleased to get a letter from
him - and also the long lost pages. I indeed
the loss which may be a convenience in
making your desiderata. As Pasture wants
me to have Calix for a new book list I shall
have little use now for these old pages.

As far as I can rely upon the previous
stated conditions of my quarters I
believe there is all I can have, my
own the power -

Respectfully
W. B. Davis

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill
Jan 29/91

"Pretend!" - Why! my dear fellow,
I should be only too delighted if
my poor la-prippe. be-fogged faculties
would yield some adequate expression
of the fact - let alone getting beyond
that. How like you it all is!

Seeing a copy at Mrs. Foy's and
thinking of the pleasure the picture
would give your friends - for I by
no means count myself the only
recipient. I am so glad to have
it, and so glad of the friendship
which prompted the giving. The
picture came yesterday, 12 hours
ahead of your letter so we had
no puzzle over last evening.

St. Francis face and "Manchester" suggested
a group of attendants at the British
Association meeting, but there were so

many faces about that I did know
and so many present that I did not
know I questioned if it could be a
group of botanists. The central figure
in the standing row especially drew
my attention. Who could it be? I
never so much as once thought of
Dr. Weismann - "Oh a wise old man is he
- is he" - it sticks out all over! Caruthers
of whom I have never seen a picture
before seems the level-headed fellow
of great executive ability - I have imagined
the girls say Vines is a dude - See
exclaims Mattie - "he is the only one
that wears button boots" - but this is
a good face - winning! One would
like him for next door neighbor.
Shall I say it the one face in the
whole group which is disappointed in
that of Kristelland Dyer. Can it be that
this man fills the chair occupied
by two generations of Hookers?
Saportas face - like the faces of
most French men of science is
noticeable for the absence of French

characteristics

I intend to have the picture
appropriately framed as soon as I
can get out to attend to the
matter - with the name of the
Donor carved in the frame.

In conclusion let me say of
you if there appears anything
wanting in this which should
be an expression of my sense
of your kindness to charitably
charge it not to any lack of
appreciation. but rather to sheer
inability to say the thing
which the heart prompts -

Yours sincerely
Miss Lath

926 Grand Ave
Providence R.I.
Feb 2^d /90

Dear Mr Deane

I had fortunately
gone over Mr Purd's collection
two weeks ago carefully examining
and naming every specimen. There
therefore remained but to get the
things together and pack. Some
notes that I had in mind I
can perhaps give later. As you
suggest I return Britton's Index
and with them I have ventured
to send you some extracts from
Dr Barnard's letters which I wrote out
in the first place (as the carder
was insufficiently attentive) for myself
alone. It occurred to me that
here and there a passage might
be interesting to you - side lights

as is men on the docks of botanists
in New England N. D 1835. No heart
about returning - Sometime within
the year I am going to send you
a little packet of letters. for which
you may be pleased to return
some of your good things and in
can come back to me then -

If any old summer getting
over a big drunk suffers from
nausea - debility - dizziness and
frontal head-ache than I know for
several days. And I should
think a single experience
sufficient to guarantee perfect
reformation - Now, find out for
me sub rosa - how far Rand is
satisfied with my work in his
pillows - and if there are points left
which he had hoped to find cleared
up which I have neglected - if you
will just drop me a hint I may
be able to make good the unintentional
deficiency - I remember such selections
very distinctly! Yours and truly
G. B. B.

Feb. 1890

Dear Emma

Will & I remain to the
March 3rd but for one I should
have to go once to England
for my book - I printed one
for you at your expense. If
4 is too much say, I will 2.
I have to send my very warm
thoughts for you. I am in the
garden with a few more in a long
lot but getting in out of all winter
the same way. I don't see much
of last of getting in & planting
in the garden.

I hope to go soon
I am, dear wife, ever
your affectionate husband

and the whole is better than
for many.

There are not many
to say - my dear friend
- 17. I am - I am - I am
for you - for you - for you
now - Wendy, Oh Wendy!

I am so happy to write
about my things.

Love
Wendy

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills
Feb 8th 90

Dear friend Deane:-

I am still confined to my room, very weak and good for nothing. Cannot even read. But Dr Watson has sent me an advance copy of the new Manual and I can dip into that - here and there - look over a few pages and then lay back and think about it - thank fortune La pippe does not taboo thinking. Bailey Carey is admirable, evincing a firm and consistent treatment throughout that is a great improvement over the "Conspicuous" of a few years ago. Someday when I feel more in the mood I would like to write a whole letter about Carey. The lightning, seems to be striking so close in this Epilobium moule business I want to ask you that even if you do acquire specimens

before I get a chance to coll. & for
you at Sandusky to please ~~just~~ let me
know! I've quite set my heart upon
sending such a setting up in E. molle
as will throw all the rest of your Epilobium
shoots quite in the shade!!! Only is not it
furnishing thus after all I will never
be able to send you E. molle at all.
E. stratum Mohl will answer the same
purpose! I long to get at my lists
especially of the Salicifolii & and rearrange
them according to the Synoptical flora -
the barbarous work affording the best
and most reliable means of fixing in
my mind the changes in nomenclature.

Thanks for the account of the
Willows in your barbarian which
"explains your wants" in the most
satisfactory manner. When on your [my]
sheet there is a specimen of fr or fl & one
of leaves does it mean that they came
from the same plant? Yes! - The cases
you speak of where ♂ & ♀ fls are given
under the same number ~~and~~ where
no special importance attached to the

relaxing very poorly preserved specimens
and fixing them over. A poor specimen
of a common plant is mere trash and
had best be thrown into the waste basket
but among the "grab ups" of explorers &c
I often receive specimens of very rare
plants. looking as if they had been dried
in the crown of a hat. I have tried
drying these between folds of blotting
paper, and saturating with alcohol, afterward
spreading out and drying under immense
pressure. Just an ordinary heavy pressure
does not take out the creases and there
are no soft tissues to be injured by
over-pressure. You may know a better way.

I have just heard from Mr. Pann
who seems pleased with my work
on his Millers, glad he is satisfied
for I felt kind-o. shaky about it myself
- as if the result was scarcely commensurate
with the expense and trouble of sending
me the collections - I do wish I could
feel like doing something

Yours cordially
W. S. Webb

mating of the leaves. If I remember this
old business aright, only, once or twice
in *S. sericea* - and *S. purpurea*. The leaves
of *rotundata*, ♂ and ♀, belong respectively with
the fls & fr accompanying, - & also *S.*
glaucochrylla &c., *S. adenophylla* (and some
others collected by other parties), were
so given because the material I received
was not thus carefully taken in the
first place -

The group of European Botanists
occupies a prominent place in the
mansion and attracts the attention
of friends who happen in - I take
great pleasure in telling them
something about the more prominent
personages - and also in quietly
letting it be known how I came
into possession of the picture - None
of your common place affairs to be
had by any body with money to
spend in the shops!

Have you had any experience in

Rockford Ill.
Feb 24-1890.

Dear Son,

Pick a bed - I am well -
I have been very much
disappointed in the
weather in all that time
to get up in the morning -

Love from
Mother

526 Grant Ave

The Stanford Lib
Nov 2/90

My dear friend Deane:

In response to Mrs
Gage's wish that I should express to
you "my opinion as to what she
ought to do with the Gray Vase" I
do not hesitate to reply, leave it to
Harvard College. Dr Gray has himself
led the way, in bequeathing to
Harvard his books and library -
everything, representing or associated with
his life-work, and it seems to me
eminently fitting that the Vase should
accompany these generous bequests.
My own idea would be - since I am
invited to say freely just what I
think - to have the Vase enclosed
in a plate glass case - perfectly safe

and immovable and then let it
stand in some appropriate place
either in the Herbarium or the
Library. Whichever value the man
may possess purely as a work of
art - upon which consideration alone
must rest the claims of the Art
Museum - seems to me altogether
subordinate to its higher value as
a Token of love and esteem from
the botanists of America.

A word to yourself (not to be repeated)
Had I any ~~any~~ really, left direct
descendants - the "heirloom" claim would
have so overweighed every other as to
leave no ground for question. - For
this is really, a personal affair - The
man was a gift to I pray as a man
from friends who in their hearts were
glad of the opportunity to render some
expression of their regard - But -
Circumstances alter cases -

I came down stairs for the first
Thursday P.M. How bright and cheerful
the family living room did look to
me! I made for my old place on the
lounge, glad enough to be so far back
again - I Kerr - pastor of the liberal
church of this place and a very genial
gentleman called. Then Mrs Van Arsdale one
our bright friends who has a happy
way - all her own - of not trammeling her
expressions to suit what she might fancy
the tastes and predilections of her interlocutor.
Then I went out to tea with the family -
Oh I tell you a fellow needs a rest on
the head & soon one in a while to make
him appreciate his blessings! To bed early
like a good boy. I am comfortably
of I do nothing - but very much.

I am so glad you and Mrs. Linn
were pleased with the scene from
of our home-keeper: glad that the work

"motherly" occurred so spontaneously
to Mrs Deane. Someday when I can
bring myself to talk about her
without running into something, spooney
I will tell you what she has been
to me. We are all expecting Mrs D's
picture now! By the By the Batts and the
Deans will be pretty well acquainted
in an ideal sort of way.

Thanks for the list of names of the
Group - But don't you think it would
detract from the general effect to classify
this list under the picture? Of course
I have been unable to do anything,
as yet about getting a frame.

Since March came in we have had
one only real winter weather - thermometer
yesterday at sunrise - 7° F. - this morning
- 14° ! Snow a foot deep or more on
the level. Our ice-men have been filling
their houses from the Madison lakes -
and now it looks as if they might after
all have depended upon the home crop

I enjoyed the slip. What a pity that
the well known Naturalist Leroy Dunstan
should have failed to bring a
living specimen of his blood sucker
home! I am reminded of a
little incident which occurred the
Disbrigue Meeting, of the 1840's - years
ago. A small group of Botanists were
conversing with Dr Gray when an
old Californian came up and solicited an
introduction to the great Botanist. He
then went on to tell that out in the
Sierra Nevada there was an "amazon
cactus" plant. It grew right up out of
the snow - it rooted in the snow. and
yet was bright red - if it was all made
of snow how did it get that red color -
that was the "amazon cactus" thing about
it! Now I suppose there was out a
person in the group that did not know
just as well as Dr G what it was
the old fellow had in mind. But

but Ah what one of us would have
had the adroitness to reply as he
did - He listened attentively until the
old fellow was quite through - Then
he said "if the circumstances were
really as reported" the plant was
indeed a most remarkable one
- but now my friend I'll tell you
what I wish you would do - Next
spring when you find one of these
plants dig down in the snow very
carefully with your hands until you
come to the roots - be very careful
to preserve these unbroken - just as
you take them out of the snow - and
send me the plant!" The Californian
departed satisfied and probably the
next spring learned a lesson in
botany!

I read the article in Callum
in your issue & I was with much interest.

Yours ever
W. S. Webb

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill
March 5/90

Dear Mr Deane:—

I thank you, and
Mrs Deane. for your kind expressions
of sympathy and solicitude concerning
my recent sickness. I may have
written you how it all came
about. There was a succession of
warm, spring-like days and I
thought I could go out in the fresh
air every day - take a walk - and be
the better for it. At last there came
a day, clear and sunny, but with a
sharp wind from the N. W. which I did
not realize the keenness of until I
~~seemed~~ turned about to face it somewhat
bored. When I got back to the house
I was pretty thoroughly chilled through.
Then came a slight congestion of the

left lying with more or less
general febrile disturbance - loss of
appetite - prostrations &c - Happily all
passed off at the end of three days -
and I had only the mended - slowly -
and resolve over and over again
to stay in-doors until warm weather
comes. I am very comfortable as
long as I do nothing and writing a
letter like this comes as near to
doing nothing as well can be -

Anna read to me yesterday
Sargeants ^{Stories for Young People} ~~leader~~ in the last No of
Garden & House Capital every way -
and also the other articles in the
same No of unusual botanical
interest

Are we not to have in the
Gazette or elsewhere some account of
your last summers botanizing on the
Morandach? I hope so - The Doctor and
my wife say (and their say is law on the Mercers
meeting) that next summer I must seek light and
agreeable exercise in the open air and I am already fore-
casting a return as a "veteran reserve" to the ranks of the
plant collectors - Only think of it. A summer of old
fashioned field botany - after fifteen years retirement
Yours cordially
Jas. S. Bell

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill
March 12th 98

Dear friend Deane:-

I imagine that
you have had less time at
your free disposal this winter
than usual and I have therefore
rather refrained from firing at
you all sorts of questions the
answering of which might be apt
to overburden the little you did
have — but I want you to tell
me how the message fish goes!

Barnes ^{says} ~~tells me~~ that you are
"fussy particular about your
herbarium" — that "everything must
lie just so" — then you are very
mean! I'm fussy-particular
myself. Of course my general

herbarium, largely formed years
ago - is mounted with old fashioned
glass - in the use of which I became
(if I do say so myself as should not)
quite an expert. I fancy that
I follow too much the old ways
in the use of the new material.
Of course I realize that only experience
- or direct observation can help much
toward the acquisition of what I
am after still some hints from
one that knows how can not help
but be useful - Give me some idea
of the consistency? At what temperature
do you use it? I like to have my
specimens firmly attached and still
the herb sheet not distorted by the
drying of the glue.

The specimens which I wished to
mount this winter (and for which I
bought the ream of paper from you) are
not yet even poisoned. Things move
slowly, for a fact - and I must just

keep begging away - doing a little each day and it will come up for something sometime - though not for much.

I sympathize with any one who goes through a hard sleep in the dentists chair - and I only wonder that the incident's exhaustion of nerve force does not send every last sufferer home the shiver under a pile of blankets.

I never could get my wife to sit for her picture - I tried and tried and tried - Last spring she yielded with the express stipulation that the picture was to be just for me - one - and after that she to have absolute control of the rest. The first sitting (two negatives) proved unsatisfactory and my heart sank within me. For a fact I never was much more surprised in my life than I was when she willingly consented to try

again - We went into the gallery
and I plumped her down into the
chair and we got that picture
in a kind of surprise way
between the operator and myself -
before the subject had time to
think - So much for your en-
agement - We shall expect a picture
of Mrs Deane almost anytime till
it comes -

Take pity on one of the
shut in and write me the botanical
news - What has become of the
Bulletin and Gazette - Here is the
middle of March and the February nos
of both still back -

Yours as ever
W. S. Webb

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill.
March 19/97

My dear Mr Deane:-

I have read your letter, received only, a few hours ago - over twice - and feel impelled notwithstanding after dinner - stupidity to write and thank you for it. Where your methods exactly coincide with my own I could not approve - as much as to say yes I know that is the best way - where they were different I could find the suggestion of improvement. Yes! I did just that thing! It seemed to me that to secure the required degree of fluidity and at the same time the necessary adhesiveness I must use the glue warm if not almost hot. There is where I was wrt. I did not dare to thin up with cold water to the required degree of fluidity - which is something, that

we all learn to recognize by
experience - I think I should not
altogether like your glue pot - or
rather your arrangement for holding
the brush - Your brush must dip too
far into the glue - necessitating much
wiping off - and the sides of the pot
must, with use, get sticky and coated
with a gradual accretion of glue - I
use two fine copper wires (the finer the
better so they are strong enough) stretched
tight across the top of the glue pot -
one about an inch above the other -
Into the handle of my brush I press an
ordinary boy carpet tack and by this I
suspend my brush from the top wire -
The wire below holds the brush perpendi-
cular - and by adjusting the tack I can
let the tip of my brush dip into the
glue any desired depth - Superfluous
glue is wiped off on the fine wire
when it does not adhere - but drops back
into the pot - Your paper pockets are
exactly like my own - as like as

two peas. They used to wear at Harvard
pockets with the side flaps cut longer
and to a point - not nearly as good.
In the Rev. herb. they make them
nearly square. The side flaps not more
than half an inch wide. The top
flap cut a little tapering and folded
down over the side flaps. Its lower
edge reaching the bottom of the pocket.



something, like this. - They do
not strike my fancy some
how. - I have recd. with
I can not tell you how

much interest, your account of
a "model" herb. My preconceived notion
as to how I would fix up that Epistle
was all right! For twenty years I took
the greatest pride in the beautiful
appearance of my herb. Then came a
winter and wet spring when it was
left in a house for months without
a fire. The specimens all got damp
and many of them faded. - It was

a sore trial to me but after a
time I mustered courage to discard
about 500 sheets after which the
remainder did not look so bad after
all. Even at the best. after twenty or
thirty years sheets left undisturbed
will get stained. For instance my
Myosurus. Some Ranunculi and Alas
some Salices!

I learned long ago ^{about} by the use of
absorbent paper in gluing. They have
in England a whitish, fibrous paper
that I imagine is used for driers. I
got a lot of plants packed in such sheets
and accidentally used a few to paste on.
After that I had no patience with any
but absorbent paper - for the reasons
you state. I use the same method as
yourself in mounting flowering plants. By
the way did you see a ridiculous plan
detailed in the Gazette - to spread a film of
thin glass over a ~~sheet~~ pane of glass
then apply your specimen - Then lift it.
Would not I like to see the fellow do that!

Imagine the lifting of Adonis after
it had absorbed a coating of glue!

Your saying that you were not

J. Proctor is very suggestive - I'm
so curious where they all go to? Sometime
when I have leisure I cut out as many
that I fancy I am stocked up for
five years to come and find all
used up in a few months -

I wish Prince himself would
"finish" *Plantas Mexicanas* and return
to his original project of a flora
of the White Mts. - So for the coming
of the local flora! Our *Manuales*
have been made to include so
much additional ^{and previous} material
exceeding the ~~same~~ number of pages
that they are become little else than
cumbersome analytical keys to the names
of species - We want more than that -
and it can only come in the local
flora -

I am all impatience to have
you tell me about your visit from
C. G. Lloyd. He once wrote to me: - While I
was living at Mountain Dale - the engineer

of *Spilobolus palustris* grows in that
vicinity - I replied that it did - and he
immediately sent me a business order
for a "box of the plants", which I was
obliged to decline - first on the score
of its exceeding my supply of duplicates
2^d - because it would exhaust the
locality - and still leave my part of
the contract unfulfilled - on discharge.

Tell me how you poison plants?
- How do you attach tickets? What
kind of gummed paper do you
use? &c &c - In fact write me of
your delightful, chatty letters about
herbarium matters - As I can not
come - to see with my own eyes -
tell me all the little things you do -
and how and why -

I poisoned a box of Willows this
forenoon and will arrange them on
~~herb~~ paper - Ex herb Leane - tomorrow -

Write soon -

Cordially

Wm. L. Webb

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
April 8th /90

Dear Mr Deane:-

I enclose I please

you a draft on R. Y. for \$12.25:-

but you do not tell me (as I wanted
you to do) how much it cost you
to put the box on board cars -

Thanks for your kindness, all the
way through. I am expecting - any
day - the receipt notice that the box
has reached Rockford - \$3.06. In sum,
is as you say ^{lower} lower than I have
known good book paper to be sold
you any time "since the war" - The
foundation of my book was laid in
1858 with paper that cost I fear \$3.00
but the price went up clear out of my
reach a few years later - and I
accumulated specimens for ten years or

Have you the birds of Arizona also Caryocarpus and H. elegans? I saw
2-3 of each - the other 2-3 which you are
welcome if they will
help and your share
in them then

man - without mounting - simply because
the cost was so great -

I have been "cleaning house" (when
one came up from Fountaindale and
at odd intervals since) boxes of stuff
have been accumulated, that stood
sadly in need of overhauling - old vouchers
of no special value - old pamphlets - letters -
bottles - boxes ^{containing} all sorts of things from pills ^{the plants} - scraps of all sorts - It was a
relief to find that without a moment's
hesitation I could send 99 per cent of the
stuff to the laundry stove to be burned -

I ~~had~~ came across the mangled paper (which
I thought went into the waste basket long
ago) - I take real and delight in
sending it on the gun - I had a mind
at first to "answer the fool according to
his folly" he lays himself open to ridicule
and displays such despicable ignorance
- but a moment's reflection convinced
me that a gentleman with any ambition
to keep his hands clean might better
occupy his time - glaring down plants
for assistance -

I am sorry to read the brief
mention of a "2 vols vol" as Rand

my mind a certain case - and I said
the only self now I will draw out the
bottom cover of the middle pigeon
hole - right hand side - and no matter
what I get. upon the contents of that
cover I will bestow a half-hour.
study - She said yes that when Mrs
Brown was ready she had the mail until
just up my things. *

My glue works first rate - have
want the art. you a few minutes
- Will the Hinned glue keep without the
addition of Castor oil - and how much
must I use if necessary? They sent me
a quart can instead of a pinch. It
is for me to try to keep it - say
two or three years? - I surmise from
what you wrote about pouring out from
the can glue thin enough for immediate
use - that you must have poured back
into the can the diluted glue of the
last preceding job - the glue of "Gum" which
I received is very thick and I think will keep
better the less it is disturbed -
* I fear from your long silence that you

does ^{not} diminish the matter quite so
certainly - expressing solicitude least
I am confined & grieved too much
indomitable &c. Alas! I realize the temptation
Perhaps it will be all the better for
both of us when we are tempted
once again into the open, breezy
fields.

By way of recreation I have
been exploring portions of my personal
herb. haven't thought Salix for
two weeks - I am both pleased
and surprised - it is so much
better than I thought. One evening
I had nothing to do (I dare not write
letters in the morning under penalty of
lying, awake afterwards) and Mrs
B. said that she had just a half
house work which she wished to
finish before retiring - I fixed in

926 Grand Ave
Rockford, Ills
April 11th 1890

My dear Deane -

If I were to stop
a moment to consider: - or if it
were any other correspondent than
yourself with whom I feel easy
in all sorts of moods. This
writing would stop instantly - For
I feel as if I might do better
"some other day" - I excuse you for
not writing letters when you have
a lot of tempting herbarium work to
do - As the Dutch justice of the Peace said
to a delinquent charged with being
drunk on beer - "I get drunk on
beer myself" - Did Mr. Cautley actually
send you some plants? Not of his
own collecting surely! The fool scarcely
knows enough, I fancy, to make

a specimen and if he ever did
it must have been in some passing
mood of mental aberration when the
Devil tempted him away from
his high service to humanity.

With yours of the 8th just comes to
hand notice from Carter Rice Dec of
the shipment of the paper April 8th
issues - The freight receipt reads "One
Bale" which gives me a little feeling
of uneasiness - However it may, come
through without the corners being
bruised - I do rejoice with you! and
hope that the "three days" are but pre-
cursors of many more to come!
No - You never told me how Mrs D.
broke down - Indeed it was incidentally
that is through Mornings letters - if I
remember aright - That I first got
the impression that your wife was -
if not an invalid - at least one of
that large class (self included) who
can neither call themselves well nor ill.

Now I must turn to your long letter
of the 4th which we all enjoyed.
My daughters do not hesitate to express
their opinion that you rather enjoyed
that lecture after all - and did not feel
as much trepidation as you "let on" -
It was a good thing for you to do -
and though doubtless you had some
unappreciative hearers there must have
been many more to whom such a
talk would be not only pleasant
at the time - but a lasting stimulus
to incite to further study and personal
investigation - If we could all - in
these quiet, neighborly ways do like-
wise it would be a good thing all
round - only you don't find "Plant
Clubs" of 40 members scattered all
over the country - Rockford is
spontaneously musical - affectedly
literary but doesn't even pretend

to be scientific

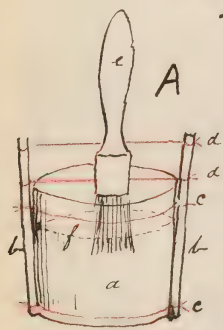
In mounting plants in the old way - before the introduction of fish glue - I learned to be neat and ~~at~~ at the same time expeditious - Expeditions for two reasons - 1st when I had (as I did at that time) so many plants to mount I was anxious to get through and not have the work surpass too much of my time. 2nd One condition of perfect success was rapidity of execution - so that the plant was in place and under pressure before the glue had time to coagulate - Some of the old ways will clear, to me always - because I use them it does not follow that I should advise anyone else to adopt them - I studied every little point where intelligent experience could suggest time-saving. - The wires over the glue pot was one of these - It would be more within the zone to learn a new way than the advantage gained would repay - nevertheless taking your modus operandi as given I do not hesitate to affirm that I would

of dropping against the wire and letting
the tack catch is so simple - The wires
do not keep so absolutely clean with the
cold glue, ^{as with the hot} a drop or two will hang on
now and then - but is soon jarred off.

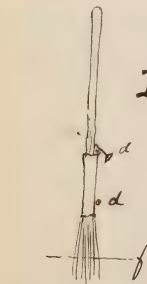
Another contrivance which I used in the
red days and still find handy - though the
necessity for its use no longer exists, is a
platform the height of my work table - over
which rises and sinks automatically a press
board with a weight. operated by a treadle -
- As soon as I have a few specimens ready
- 1 to 3 usually - I raise the press with my
foot - take both hands to slip the driers and
intercalated specimens under - drop the press
and repeat - till I have a pile about 9 in
high - which is then removed and another
begun - If I make hard and rapid work
of gluing I make easy - deliberate and
careful work of putting down tickets - fastening
stem ends - and making the acquaintance of
fresh acquisitions soon to be consigned to
the general heap - and may be for others -

I include samples of my work in putting
on tickets - I never liked any fastening
that I ever saw - or ever could do myself -
- the corners would "dog ear" and look badly -
Open any compartment of my herb. and

have my specimen - if a small one -
 all glued before you would be ready
 to begin - assuming that we worked
 with equal expedition and that the
 difference was wholly in the method -
 I will give a little sketch and diagram
 as you request. A shows the glue pot as
 it stands facing me on this table



a pot. b, b, small wooden points held
 in place by the copper wires c, c.
 d, d. the wires strung over the
 pot. e brush. f. surface of glue.



B.

d, d. are
 dots representing the position of the
 two wires and show they hold
 the brush perpendicular by means
 of the tack. Now in the very
 act of lifting my brush I wipe
 it against the two wires, then

as it rises above the top one and wipe
 the other side without turning the brush
 over - and I am ready for business -
 When I am through - for the moment I
 can almost toss it back, the motion

you will find the sheet lying, as flat
as if there were no labels attached whatever.
Although there must be over 50,000 labels
put on in this way in our collection -
and although I have seen no occasion
in the last thirty years to change. I
doubt if others would on the whole like
it as well as pasting.

In my humble opinion - you - along
with the great majority - overdo the
poisoning business - You get over cautious
and poison where there is no need of it.
I have had a growing herb for
thirty years - now filling 280 pigeon holes -
and with just one single exception (of
which more anon) I have never had a
single insect depredation invade my
treasured stores - not one - and I have
had lots of importations ^{in bundles from abroad}. As an illustration
I fairly soak amounts of Salices - but rigid
decays of willows will no more be attacked
than so much paper - I poison matted
flowers on tender leaves - Euphorbia - Asclepias
acacia - &c. but there are lots and lots of rigid
things and portions of specimens which I do
not touch at all - I would pour poison
into the head of a Thrush but cannot do

a waste of time to poison the leaves -
I never saw the specimen yet that I could
call the clipe - looks of nearly. I saw three
and a press - I don't like the Harvard
way at all - I have seen it performed -
It looked like destruction - and so was to
a certain extent - of beauty. Oh I cannot
mean forgetting this exception. The pests
somehow got into my cover of Gonolobus.
- Here were specimens that flowers and buds
I had thoroughly poisoned, yet the little vermin
boiled up the stems and did such damage
before they made themselves sick eating
Cinnamic substance - that I had to replace
all the specimens - Notwithstanding the
fact that the specimens in this cover
were so destroyed - nothing else in the
same pigeon hole was disturbed - and
the depredations caused with this single
unlabeled.

Will Mrs Deane feel relieved
by these 8 pages or will she set me
down for a pain of incoherent
scribbles? I will send the Arctostaphylos
pods as soon as I can find a little box
to put them in - Here is your last letter
for mention interviews with two botanists!
Mr Payson and Mrs Rand. I do not see a real
live botanist once-a-year. Cordially. Both

Examine the
envelope & pay in

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
April 20 1897

Dear Mr Deane

Such a delightful

time as we had over your account
of a visit from Mr. Lloyd.

It was a week ago - a fact which I virtuously record of mine myself with conscious shame. Will have started ahead of the rest of us to get the mail - and handed me your letter at the church door. I confess my thoughts would keep wandering, all through the service, in vague wonderments as to what the big envelope might contain - A brisk walk home - for when it is pleasant now-a-days I eschew all street-car conveniences as an invention of Satan. Down I plump myself into an easy chair and begin reading

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Presently I must have laughed - and
not in the Tony Heller fashion
"innocently," either - for there came a
chorus of voices - "What is it?" "Read it
aloud!" And so I went back and
began over again - ~~Now~~ I think
the fun was contagious - we all
took in the ridiculous absurdity
of the situation - and as Mr L's
impresmentability grew more and more
intense & as if the story, had been
invented by an adroit story-teller
rather than ^{being} a recital of facts, I
laughed until my side ached -

And ~~now~~ what odd conceits do you
imagine took possession of the
children in "How father - you have
been corresponding with Mr Deane
for a number of years - you think
he is energetic and impulsive -
you have his photograph to judge by.
Suppose he should come West to
Chicago - and then on to Rockford
just to visit you and should then

and such a stick as Mr Lloyd?" I
did not consider the cure supposable!
but they rather like the tease and
about writing to Mr Deane so
often. As you close your graphic
account of Mr Lloyd with the
disparate exclamation that you "never
could make me see the man as
you saw him" - so I in turn can
assure you that no words of mine
can tell you how vivid your
portrayal of Mr Lloyd seemed to
us - if not a Mr Lloyd in esse - a
most amusing, and dramatic
character all the same - Poor Mrs
Deane!!

The herb paper is all bound
in good condition and what do you
guess the freight amounted to - just
61 cts. People who are content to go
through this world slowly - can go

place in the North American on 3rd Sept 1868. I was
being studied from my list of desiderata that
one from each of a specimen - the work of a
beginner - remains; the sole representation of the
species while other things more or more by the
proceedings - To make a list of such desiderata - and
you are provided the supply them - in part of the
the occasion for the present revision - Thompson when I
have across a sheet marked [78] I receive
the necessity of writing out of [1868] The R.C. - I receive
of others "Bony Branch, Rock Creek, Dist of Columbia"
"1868" and there are more of these brief mentions
than in part even to have been kept as long.
In main the new changes as far as through the
by proceedings I can end some the proceedings expedition
these with me in will be appreciated as 'two' work
Thompson & other had to the same time that it went
proceedings been a better work of the last 100 years (1868) and
proceedings had been given to the Thompson - In 1868 carried out

cheaply. - The single ream ⁴ you sent me
cost by express within a few cents of
a dollar. - I felt uneasy when I received
the way-bill which read "One bundle"
for I have no confidence in the
careful handling of any thing by
R. R. employees - but it turned out
that the bundle - though held securely
by ropes was protected at the corners
by a framework of wood. The paper
is very satisfactory but rather light
in weight. - On the other hand the
paper made by Morrison (Washington DC)
30 lbs to the ream is ^{the stock just received} too heavy - It is in
fact very like the ream you sent
me - from the same manufactory.
By-the-way which is the top side - if
there is any difference. - I read the
water mark Lissen Ledger - and infer
that this should indicate the side of
smoothest finish - but for an actual
fact. turning these letters upside down
seems to give the better side.

If Mrs Doane only knew what crying

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necessity had driven me at last to
house cleaning - the little boost I
unconsciously got in her good opinion
would all sink down again -

For a week - at such intervals as I
could command. I have been ~~revising~~
revising my general herbairium. No
one could have made me believe how
very interesting the work would become
to me in so short a time - ~~afterwards~~
I was born to be a learner and not
a teacher. I write what I do about
Salices because the facts seem to call
for publication and there is only myself
to give them as the case now stands -
but after all I really enjoy the work
and works and friendly co-operation
of the amateur - somewhat to my
surprise - and yet after all it is
nothing to be surprised at. I find
it is often the common plants
that need reinforcing in my collection.
In many instances there were
gathered thirty years ago - perhaps
only a single, inadequate, specimen

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
April 27/90

My dear friend Deane -
Had my business
correspondence fallen off and
suddenly two months ago as it has
in the last two weeks I should
have felt very bad over the
withdrawal of so much that entered
into the daily life and thought.
But now I know that friends are
all busy otherwise than sitting
at a desk writing - as indeed I am
myself - and I accept the chance
as something, "belonging to the
season" in the course of nature - as
the story would philosophically put
it - and don't worry - Only I hope
that lots of interesting experiences
are being stored up of which I
shall be informed in due season.
Maccom has already gone over for

the summer. This season arose to
be among the eastern Rocky Mts
just north of our line - about
Kootenai Lake - The Selkies, gold
Range &c - May be find more of
Salix Bursattiana!

Work in the revision of my
herbarium goes along bravely -
with constantly increasing zest. I
am now just through Rosaceae -
by I find much to do - I find very
very much more already done of which
a realizing sense had almost departed
from me - Some portions oh so rich -
that of the specimens - lots of them - are
thirty years old and faded - That only
gives the collection the respectability
of age - and the associations are so
delightful - Then again such deplorable
poverty as I struck now and then unexpect-
edly - My Roses - variously named
R. blanda, lucida - and Canadensis -
are mid north the paper they are mounted
upon - poor scraps of things - mostly
without finish and only by accident, as
it were, showing the old wood with
thorns and prickles - I must get all

over again and then as you
remarked of some of your Willows
when I have better take out the
poor stuff. It grew out of that long
period when I did not buy best
paper because of the high price
that so many plants of my own
collecting are labeled in a brief
way that I alone ^{can} understand.
I ought not to have done so but I did
and now must make good this
delinquency -

For a strong, young woman to
break down suddenly with nervous
frustration during a summer vacation
must have been hard indeed - and
I rejoice with you over the recovery
hoping it may be accelerated by
each days gain. If the eating, and
sleeping, only correspond with the
walking ability I should feel quite
encouraged - if I were you.

So the big calendar came from
you! I must have overlooked

the address (come to think it was
not I that made the roll,) and
have always wondered how it came
to be sent to me. and by whom -

I return D Mumps letter with
thanks for the pleasure of this
reading - What interested me most
was his own evident vision of
heavens and spirits - What a man!
And here in our town is his
classmate, Taylor - Creeping about
in the sun - in warm days. with
a cane - well fed but rheumatic. What
a figure he would cut stuck in the
mud on ^{the} Pilcomayo River!

I have wondered at D Mumps recommending
paper of 28 lbs to the room when I knew
that he had always used a lighter weight.
There is one advantage in the heavy paper
30 lbs to the ream - it keeps its smooth surface
under pressure. If I had my choice I
should like to have three piles to draw
from at discretion, 20, 25 & 30 lbs -

I may as well "fess" I am the only
sinner of the household - all the rest have
gone to church - I leave the house all the
myself and it is awfully still.

Cordially Beth

926 front Ave
Rockford Ills
May 9/90

Dear friend Deane :-

Rainy day. Spasm
of virtuous resolution. Half-a-
dozen formal and business
letters dropped of the answering
of which has weighed heavily
on my mind for a fortnight
and now I feel that I have
earned the right to eat the
best of my pie having taken
the crust first -

The addition of 1334 sheets to
your book for May to May is a
good report. If you can keep this
rate of accumulation up for ten
years what a magnificent showing
for the area included your
collection ^{will} ~~must~~ make - By the way
which I am very loath to advise

you to extend the area I do
honestly believe - for myself - that
sooner than take in the additional
tier of states which the Manual
now includes I would have
taken instead all the states east
of the Mississippi - In other words
the flora of Tenn. S. Car. Ga. Miss
&c better fits into and supplements
that of the Northern U. S. than does
the flora of Kansas - All that is
peculiar to the district of the
newly added states really belongs
more truly to the flora of the
Plains.

O. A. Farwell came out from
Chicago and spent a night with
me. returning the next day to
join Pringle en route for Mexico
with whom he is going as
assistant - He is a young fellow
- about twenty three - and not prepossessing
in appearance - (especially in that
for so young a man he was so

saturated with the odor of bad
Tobacco) but I soon learned that
he had ~~ex~~plained the flora of
his home neighborhoods with pen
eyes and a quick appreciation
of what was best worth seeing -
After the first impression wore off
I quite enjoyed him - But my Oh!
would he have to reform his
practices in specimen making
under Principles trustees!

My collecting is becoming an
accomplished fact! I already
have gathered a fresh Androsace
occidentalis, Ranunculus obovatus
(one earliest spring flower on the
Prairie and rapidly approaching
extinction) Geum triflorum, Psittaculoides
huttalliana, Draba californiana
or microcarpa &c - I was quite
interested in my Asters as I said

over them recently and thought of
proposing to you that I would
send you ten specimens - really
good - not snappy - of western
species for as many eastern -
There are several of the forms
made prominent in the Synk Fl
from the eastern states which I
would like to receive through your
hands - if not directly collected by
yourself - and I think - if I had
^{thought} ~~that~~ that I can send you some
good western - Partly because I am
so determined to study them afire &
over again - for my own satisfaction
and can just as well as not double
the number of specimens taken -

I am hoping to get up the
Landerdale the first of June - It is
a better place for botanizing than the
neighborhood of a city of 25,000 inhabitants
Cordially
O. S. Peck

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
June 25 / 90

Dear friend Deane:—

By dint of vigorous
bumping I have at length made
my old stylograph give down and
now if some power would give the
writer an equally efficacious
shaking up the whole outfit might
be brought into working order!—
I will not attempt to make excuses
for my long silence. I tried to
it but it would require twelve pages
to ~~give~~ ^{satisfactory} ^{treatment} the subject ~~justice~~ and even
then the result would be more a
~~matter~~ ^{feeling} of relief to the writer than
of entertainment to the reader.
On one account however I do feel
rather guilty— Our youngest daughter
Mattie went east last week to

spent the summer with her cousins
(family of Mr H. M. Carpenter Providence, R. I.)
and when she went away there was
some chance that she might attend
Class Day at Harvard - having an
invitation to do so. - She said that
if she could possibly, ~~have~~ without
breaking in upon the plans of the
friends whom she was to accompany
she would certainly try to see Mr & Mrs
Deane - I promised - or it was
understood at all events - that I would
write to her - Afterwards when I came
to think the matter over it occurred
to me that that matter would get to Providence
at some of our day - go down to Framingham
the next and it did not seem
likely that she would start off to Cambridge
the next. So as all was so uncertain
I deemed it best not to say anything
that might lead her to search for her
that day - in the crowd - when she
might not be there at all - She wished
very much to meet you - and if during

The summer you can anytime find
it convenient to run over to Providence
your friend Prof Bailey - who knows
the Carpenter family - would doubtless
accompany you to the summer
residence down the Bay. Matter, I
can assure you would be delighted -
and it would be a great pleasure
to me to have her come home
with an account of a visit from
Mr Deane - But more of this by & by -
when I hear from my girl - whether
she needs to Harvard after all or no.

I confess it was with the secret
hope that you might find something
among my early spring collections
desirable as an addition to the
"Model herbarium" (in which I am
ambitious to figure creditably)
that I wrote out that brief list - I
certainly did not expect any such
good luck as that it would include
a special desideratum - You shall

have *Ranunculus thymoides* in good
plants - *Gemma triflorum* - enough for
your own needs and to divide among
friends - and all the rest. *R. thymoides*
by the way is not common in herbaria
- With the exception of a single, poor
specimen from Cratty - my own showing
is altogether from collections made
by myself. I do not know of a
plant of which - furthermore - I ever
in my days of industrious collecting
made so many poor specimens - You
see it is just about our earliest
spring flower - I would be all impatience
- and take it too soon - A month later
it would be in better condition but by
that time hands ^{would be} ~~have~~ full of other
things and the earlier gatherings
^{would be} ~~have~~ trusted to suffice -

Howler did not go to Mexico with
Pringle after all. I have my own
opinion why - but perhaps it would
not be best to speak too freely about
a matter of which I know so little.
I can only say - as between us two -

that if I had got to occupy the same
wagon and tent all through a hot
Mexican summer with the individual
in question - some insuperable
difficulty would be sure to spring up!

1 o'clock P.M.

I had gotten thus far when the
letter carrier came to the door -
"Bringing, James of the 22^d inst -
"Hurray! hurray! hurray!!!" - Surely
vacations has begun - But no! The
next sentence tells all "A Beth
has been in my name" quick as
a flash I know that Mattie had
^{been} ~~gone~~ to Cambridge and ^{that} her friends
have helped her to carry out her
wish to call upon the Deans! I
am very, very glad of it all - Mattie
is a good, whole-souled girl without
the least bit of affectation - Only
a few days before she went away
she was expressing her indignation

and contempt provoked by a young
lady of our acquaintance who had
just returned from a short trip to
Boston - where she had dropped and
irrevocably lost all her r's, "I like
to hear eastern people talk - but I
detest the affectation of a western
girl trying to imitate them - You
see if I don't stick to my r's come
what will" - So I fancy our girl
came in upon you a thoroughly
representative of the "woolly west".
It is very kind of you to say that
could she have stayed with you
for several days you would have
shown her all the notable things
to be seen in and about Cambridge.
- I know you would, and we all
appreciate your generous impulses
as if it had been ~~the~~ ^{an} accomplished
fact. - The home here is very homesome
just now - Mother gone for the
summer and all the rest - Nina
and the boys - up at Loderdale

Leaves. The boys were impatient to
be off and Mrs B and myself staid
behind to shut up the house - We
took a little longer after the garden
&c. - We will probably remain till after
the 4th of July - Not that we wouldn't
gladly exchange ^{for} the quiet of Leardale
~~for~~ this din of fine crackers - but just
in account of the f. c's affairs and
we deem it best to stay and see
that the house is not burned down -
It is all well enough for Anna and
and I to go off by ourselves - up to the
Lakes for instance - measuring together
over the kitchen table on cold rainy
days - That's a pic-nick - but to sit
down on opposite sides of a long
dining table such as we are accustomed
to seeing, surrounded by the faces
of our children is an altogether
different thing -

This is not much of a

Botanical letter - neither was
given for that matter! Of late
I have been doing more in my
garden than in the herbarium -
- but when I get up to Leanderdall
I shall make up for lost time -

I am all impatience to hear
from Mattie - Will have a letter this
evening -

Kindest regards to Mrs Deane

As ever your friend

Mrs Lebb

- var. *maritima*, Chapm.
Wislizeni, A. DC.
 var. *frutescens*, Engelm.

SALICACEÆ.

POPULUS

- angustifolia*, James.
balsamifera, L.
 var. *candicans*, Gray.
Fremonti, Watson.
 var. (?) *Wislizeni*, Watson.
grandidentata, Michx.
heterophylla, L.
monilifera, Ait.
tremuloides, Michx.
trichocarpa, T. & G.
 var. *eupulata*, Watson.

SALIX

- adenophylla*, Hook.
alba, L.
 var. *cærulea*, Koch.
 var. *Pameachiana*, And.
 var. *vitellina*, Koch.
amygdaloides, And.
arctica, Pall.
 var. *Brownii*, And.
 var. *petræa*, And.
argyrocarpa, And.
 ? *Austinæ*, Bebb.
Babylonica, L.
balsamifera, Barratt.
Barelayi, And.
 var. *latiuscula*, And.
Barrattiana, Hook.
Breweri, Bebb.
Californica, Bebb.
candida, Willd.
Chamissonis, And.
chlorophylla, And.
 var. *denudata*, And.
 var. *pycnocarpa*, And.
 var. *vestita*, And.
cordata, Muhl.
 var. *angustata*, And.
 var. *Mackenziana*, Hook.
 var. *vestita*, And.
 var. *Watsoni*, Bebb.
desertorum, Rich.
 var. (?) *Wolfii*, Bebb.
Drummondiana, Barratt.

- discolor*, Muhl.
 var. *eriocephala*, And.
 var. *prinoides*, And.
flavescens, Nutt.
 var. *Scouleriana*, Bebb.
fragilis, L.
 var. *decipiens*, Hoffm.
fulcata, var. *subglaucæ*, And.
glaucæ, L.
 var. *villosa*, And.
glaucophylla, Bebb.
herbacea, L.
Hookeriana, Barratt.
humilima, And.
humilis, Muhl.
 var. *angustifolia*, And.
 var. *grandifolia*, And.
 var. *longifolia*, And.
irrorata, And.
lævigata, Bebb.
 var. *angustifolia*, Bebb.
 var. *congesta*, Bebb.
lasiandra, Benth.
 var. *Fendleriana*, Bebb.
 var. *lancifolia*, Bebb.
lasiolepis, Benth.
 var. *Bigelovii*, Bebb.
 var. *fallax*, Bebb.
Lemmoni, Bebb.
 var. *macrostachya*, Bebb.
 var. *melanolepis*, Bebb.
 var. *sphærostachya*, Bebb.
lingulata, And.
longifolia, Muhl.
 var. *argyrophylla*, And.
 var. *exigua*, Bebb.
 var. *pedicellata*, And.
lucida, Muhl.
macrocarpa, Nutt.
 var. *argentea*, Bebb.
 var. *Monierii*, Bebb.
monticola, Bebb.
myrtilloides, L.
 var. *pedicellaris*, Carey.
nigra, Marsh.
 var. *longipes*, And.
 var. *marginata*, And.
 var. *Wardii*, Bebb.
 var. *Wrightii*, And.
Novæ-Angliæ, And.
 var. *myrtilifolia*, And.
 var. *pseudo-cordata*, And.
 var. *pseudo-myrsinites*, An.

myrtilifolia, And.

orbicularis, And.
 ovalifolia, Traut.
 petiolaris, Smith.
 var. gracilis, And.
 var. subsericea, And.
 phlebophylla, And.
 phyllicoides, And.
 prolata, And.
purpurea, L.
 var. *gracilis*, And.
 var. *Helix*, Koch.
 var. *Lambertiana*, Koch.

reticulata, L.
 var. nivalis, And.
 Richardsonsiana, Hook.
 rostrata, Rich.
 rotundifolia, Traut.
 sericea, Marsh.
 sessilifolia, Nutt.
 var. Hindsiana, And.
 var. villosa, Nutt.
 Sitchensis, Sanson.
 var. angustifolia, Bebb.
 var. congesta, And.
 var. (?) Coulteri, Bebb.
 var. denudata, And.
 speciosa, Hook. & Arn.
 subcordata, And.
 taxifolia, HBK.
 tenera, And.
 tristis, Ait.
 Uva-ursi, Pursh.
 venusta, And.
 vestita, Pursh.
viminalis, L.

HYBRIDS.

fragilis × *alba*, Wimmer.
 var. *vestita*, Wimmer.
 var. *glabra*, Wimmer.
~~*Caprea* × *viminalis*, Wimmer.~~
~~*cimerea* × *viminalis*, Wimmer.~~
~~*alba* × *lucida*, Bebb.~~
~~*cordata* × *sericea*, Bebb.~~
~~*petiolaris* × *candida*, Bebb.~~
~~*sericea* × *candida*, Bebb.~~
~~*cordata* × *candida*, Bebb.~~

EMPETRACEÆ.

CERATIOLA

ericoides, Michx.

COREMA

Conradii, Torr.

EMPETRUM

nigrum, L.

CERATOPHYLLACEÆ.

CERATOPHYLLUM

demersum, L.

GNETACEÆ.

EPHEDRA

antisyphilitica, C. A. Meyer.
Californica, Watson.
Nevadensis, Watson.
pedunculata, Engelm.
Torreyana, Watson.
trifurca, Torr.

CONIFERÆ.

ABIES

amabilis, Forbes.
balsamea, Marshall.
bracteata, Nutt.
concolor, Lindl.
Fraseri, Lindl.
grandis, Lindl.
magnifica, Murray.
nobilis, Lindl.
subalpina, Engelm.
 var. *fallax*, Engelm.

CHAMÆCYPARIS

Lawsoniana, Parlat.
Nutkaensis, Spach.
sphæroidea, Spach.

CUPRESSUS

Arizonica, Greene.
Goveniana, Gordon.
Guadalupensis, Watson.
Macnabiana, Murr.
macrocarpa, Hartw.

JUNIPERUS

Californica, Carr.
 var. *Utahensis*, Engelm.
communis, L.
 var. *alpina*, Gaud.
pachyphloea, Torr.
occidentalis, Hook.
 var. *conjugens*, Engelm.
 var. *monosperma*, Engelm.
Sabina, L.

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
June 30th 1898

Dear
You are right
your guess as the name of
the little snip of Salix rostrata -
Matter will be disappointed - I know -
if she does not see you again, we
had a letter from her the same
day that we received yours - one
letter coming by the morning mail
the other two at evening - the
two accounts "dove tail" together
in a way that gives us a realizing
sense of Matter's visit - I've a
mind to copy portions of her
letter - snatches here and there that
you may see for yourself how our
girl reports her meeting her
father's friend - "I am going to

one the P.O. notice of
G. N. Park author
of the following
article in last
Bulletin. We can
give a copy of this
paper when it is
to ask for it
I do not know where
the letter is - I think
in J. Brewster's

congratulate myself to Mr Deane in
this letter for there is so much to
tell and I have not time for
everything. "Mr Mason helped me to
look up his residence and I went with
me to his house" "He sent up our
names by the servants as we did
not have cards. Presently a gentleman
came walking down the stairs very
sedately and came toward me in
the most unconcerned manner in a
scale" - "I shook all over" "I asked if
that was Mr Deane. he did not appear
to be moved - and promptly did not understand
what I said" "Then I said "I was Miss
Bobb" - "Why, this is. Why this is so
unexpected" "Where did you come from
"I am so very glad to see you" By
this time he spoke to Robert. I told
him where I was from and how I
came there. We talked about different
things. He said it was too bad that
he was going north to botanize by
himself and you (father) to be

obtaining by journey. By the way he went
out to call his wife Margie Margie
came here - see who who we have
here" and then we went through
much the same thing again - then
he took up to see his study - a
very cozy room - then he showed me
his library which is quite as nice as
the study - In fact the whole house
gives an impression of coziness
though I could not tell very much about
it as they were torn up getting ready
for packing - Mr Deane himself looks
much as his photograph only he is
slighter than we all inferred from
the picture - I know that father would
enjoy him - Mrs Deane does not look
like an invalid at all, and is a
very nice lady indeed" [together with
more than that would buy my ears
for copying] our time was limited

for we had to meet the train as
it was bound to get away "Do stay
longer - Don't hurry - Stay to dinner
just stay, and have a little soup"
After we had gotten a block away
from the house I looked back and
he waved his hand cheerily - It
was certainly a very cordial reception
they gave me and my fears soon
vanished - "He is coming to see me
here the latter part of this week
or the first of next"

When Gladie went away she expressed
a determination to see Mr Deane if possible
- and I feel quite indebted to Mr Mason
for so kindly helping her to carry out
her purpose -

You will have seen by the
papers what a season of excessive
heat we have had here in St. Ills.
Hot, day & night - The temperature of rooms
which we tried to keep cool would get
about 85° - Out of doors in the shade it
was about 90° - and in the sun everywhere
from 110° up to 120° - Wife and I were
here alone - so we shut up the

home and wandered about day and
night searching for cool places -
in Mother Hubbard and Father Hubbard
costumes - But in the garden have
things to grow - for this warm temper-
ature - both day and night - forces
wonderfully a vegetation the roots
of which spread in a soil saturated
with moisture - I never saw such
luxuriant Canas - Had it not
been for the heavy and continued
rains which immediately preceded
the heat everything would be burned
up - There is a better air today though
the Thermometer registers 90° in the shade
(on the north side of the house away from
all reflections) and the sun heat is
terrific - I saw a negro driver and
a coal cart Saturday, with an
umbrella spread over his head!
Thousands of bushels of Strawberries

have gone to waste because pickers
could not be had at any price to
go into the fields and gather the
fruit. I have seen very warm
weather here, but it was the dry
heat of an intercontinental area and
the very dryness of the atmosphere
which led the sun to beat down - at
night admitted of an equally rapid
radiation into space so that nights
were as cool as the days were hot. But
for the past week we have had
something - I fancy - like the sultry
heat of India.

Wife and I remain here
until July 5th - possibly until the
Monday following. I would say
adieu to your letters hereafter to Elkhorn
Wyo only there is a simple contingency,
which arising, I might be kept here
for a week or ten days longer. I will
let you know when the matter is fully
decided. Once more thanking both yourself
and Mrs Deane for your very cordial reception
from
your daughter - I remain as ever
your friend Mrs B

2nd week in July /89.

Landerdale Lakes
near

Elkhorn Wis.

Friday morning

Day of the month lost already

My dear Mr Deane:—

It is delightful
to get letters from you and
Mattie by the same mail. Each
so supplements the other! If you
were pleased with the cordiality of
your reception at Warrick's house
I can assure you the family
there were, in turn, delighted with
their visitor:—and this not on the
testimony alone of our enthusiastic
daughter but Tina has a letter
from "Cousin Lettie" which quite
confirms all that we had other-
wise heard. But I beg of you
not to place too much confidence
in those composite mental pictures

of Jones made up from a
few photographs and Mattie's
"introduction" of the parties "indiv-
dually". It was less than six
months ago that I ~~distinctly~~ ~~recently~~
~~having~~ heard that young lady
herself make the philosophical
remark that it would not be
wise for the Bobbs and Deames
to meet for they would surely be
disappointed - and now it seems she
has been doing her best to render
such a catastrophe probable - Possibly
however the photographs - especially the
Lancasterdale lot may have done some-
something in the way of toning up
the word painting. If ever another
amateur photographer comes about
my premises taking groups I'm
going for him with a shot gun!
Did she tell you that I was a
rather prematurely old man - with
the general appearance, the bearing
and bronchitis, of a broken down

worst of all not herself ~~at all~~ even
her disinclination to write letters
sets back in the same feeling of
personal depreciation - But if you stay
long enough - as of course you will -
to really get acquainted - or if you
should happen to be taken just a
bit sick enough to cause any
concern - you will find and feel
enough the mother love that
broods over the household.

I can trust the fidelity of Matie's
introduction to the boys and her
sister - If I should say anything
myself I might do the very thing
I have suspected her of doing -
namely - laying ~~on~~ on the high lights
too profusely.

We had a serenade last night
from our young people who are staying
for a week at the Elkhorn Club House.
The singing was not particularly fine
but what took me was the miscella-
neous character of their repertoire.

Several numbers were given
precisely in the order here written
down -

4. Rally 'round the flag Boys!
5. Stealer my God to thee.
- 6 We won't go home till morning
! ! ! !

I have not been over to "Uncle
Darius" boy yet to see if Epulobium
modicum is coming on but I doubt now
it is - It was six weeks later than this
that I found it had appeared -

I have not seen the article of
Greene to which you refer - Have not the
money to pay for Pittman - even if I wanted
to subscribe for it - In my opinion
Greene is moving along that narrow
ridge which divides erratic genius
from insanity - The history of his
religious life - always a reliable index
in such cases - seems to betoken such
as the three states of the case - I would not
be surprised to learn any day that he
had become insane -

The ~~editor~~ ^{editor} of the 6th page warns me
to stop - I sent this to the old address - expecting
it to be forwarded -

Kind regards to Mrs. Lane
as ever your friend Wm. B.

and that to even a greater extent
than I imagine my conservatism
has influenced the home life of the
family. - By dint of what we
laughingly term among ourselves
"cooperative housekeeping" we manage
to live comfortably - and even in
some respects to cultivate the
refinements and amenities of life -
but it is done on a mighty slender
financial basis. - and I need not
tell you where the head and heart
is, which wisely and lovingly
directs and renders possible the
carrying out of the scheme. - Here is
another chance for momentary dis-
appointment if ever you came to
make us a good long visit - as I
hope you may - both of course
understood - some time. Mrs B.
like her husband - has seen too
many years of care and anxiety
not to have lost the suppleness and
vivacity of even middle-life. She is
rather reticent and embarrassed on
meeting strangers - not self assertive

Minister. I know this is so from
the persistency with which news
boys drop at my side when we
board the cars. such supposed to
be tempting literature as "Mordy's
Sermons" "How to conduct a revival
successfully" &c. &c. and train boys
are said to be wonderfully expert
in "signing up" their customers.

Besides you must not be misled by
the social setting in which you met
our girl. We are the "poor relations"
on both sides of the house, and
live in a very modest way.
The social life of Southern Ohio thirty
or forty years ago - especially that of
the country gentleman - was to me
almost an ideal one. and I was
slow to realize that it had been
all swept away by the war and
the conditions which followed. - I
sometimes think I never have, and
never will, fully realize this

Laurel Dale Lakes

near
Elkhorn, Wis.

Aug 3rd 190

Dear Mr Deane:—

If I were seized
of a strong and virtuous deter-
mination to write letters I would
select a subject worthy the
vigor of my purpose. As the
case stands I have only a
weak, flickering desire which
must be turned against
untoward influences to prevent
miscarriage and ~~on~~ I inflict
myself upon you! May be you
don't take this for a first-class
compliment. But I assure you
that is just what I intended
it for. Don't we go to see
our best of friends when we

are down in the dumps and don't we make duty calls when we feel equal to the occasion.

Thanks for the photographs - How vividly they recall the scenery around Manchester - and the happy summer twenty four years ago! The pictures were shown to all the persons in our camp (the inmates of the three cottages live as intimately together almost as if they belonged to one family) and duly admired.

You perhaps heard something of the charitable project which took Miss Lettie Carpenter with her to Bartlett N. H. for a fortnight. She was so delighted that she sent for Mattie to join her the second week. Our girl wrote enthusiastically about the scenery of the White Mountains - and I am dead between the lines that she

looked through a pair of western eyes - "the dewy ferns overhanging the footpaths" - "how little the presence of man has affected wild nature" - This last is sure to be the uppermost thought with any one born and bred in the fertile valleys of the West when for the first time they are hurried down in a piece of New England wild-wood. - You see "Miss Mathe was nearer" for a time. than you imagine.

We would gladly exchange Lauderdale lakes for the cool hills of New England. But our present retreat is the best within our reach and we are more than content with the blessings we have. - "I'll tell you what it is Beth" said a friend a few days ago "you don't really appreciate the advantages of this place. - You

say that by & by when Chicago
people come in and take possession
you are going to sell out and go
north into the pimerias. but I have
been there several summers and I
can tell you you have got to carry
in everything you want during
your stay - Here you paddle up
the channel and for miles you
have nothing to remind you of the
proximity of a farm house yet I
notice when we come back that
Frank even goes for milk and you
have your spring chickens and
berries. and green corn and ice -
and all that sort of thing. Its a
wonderful sight different, especially
with a family, from living on bacon
and dry bread - Besides the only
inhabitants of that Pine region
are a lot of degraded Norwegians
left behind from the old lumbering
days and you would find no
one to take charge of your cottage

during the ten months of the
year when it is unoccupied."
All of which upon due consideration
was set down to the credit of
Landerdall -

If you have enough and the
space please give me specimens of
Holidago Virgaurea v. *alpina* showing
its variations in stature dependent
upon altitude and exposure. I have
a fine series of *Virgaurea* and
the allied (now given specific rank
I believe) *S. humilis*, and would be
glad to add thereto something
from your hand. -

We are glad to learn that
Mrs Deane is so much benefited
by her stay in the mountains.
Sometimes some of us get a little
mixed up as to whether we are
really better or only feel better.
But walking two miles a day is
a real tangible fact about which

about which there can be no mistake

A week ago we went through
a few days of irksome weather
- hot sun the wind blowing a
steady gale - just How - How - How
from morning till night - If you
got under shelter you felt smothered
if you got out into the wind you
felt that every film of perspiration
over your whole body was being
absorbed - or that you were running
risks of taking cold - Happily a
glorious rain - soaking the parched
earth followed and we are now
in the full enjoyment of the
usual temperature of the region

Kinder regards to Mrs Leane

Cordially yours

Wm L. Bell

Aug. 1890.

Landdale Lakes
near
Elkhorn, Wis
Aug

Dear Mr Deane!—

Behold how Mistress
Margie shall be brought to
Confusion! I "write again"
instantly.

Oh what torturing. "Pretty
innocent and enthusiastic
sixteen" holding a sheltering
umbrella over Betancius while
he digs up his Hypocissus
Pancardus. Is it idyllic?
Just too sweet for anything!!

You may send along your
amateur photograph of Walter
Deane in his "tramping rig"
but it shall never—never take
from me this lovely vision

of just how he manages to
sustain the enthusiasm of
agents in the midst of his
arduous labors

I return herewith Dr
Morrays letter with many
thanks for the pleasure I have
had in reading it - To tell the
truth the obligation I feel
under to return promptly that
someone else may have it in
turn has something to do with
this "quick" reply - only you
need not tell your wife so.

I wonder if any Indian
maiden ever holds an umbrella
over Morrays head! He does lots
of work out in the hot sun and
I have never been able to see
just how he endures - He is a
gay and lively old fellow and
I would not risk him an inch
- way off there in Paraguay

but what
if even he got "quite young
again" on occasion.

I am not going to attend
the Indianapolis meeting, of the
A.A.A.S. in fact I have let my
membership of the association
go by default through non-payment
of dues. I enjoy the opportunity
which the gathering affords of
meeting personally botanical friends
and giving the additional chance
of personal acquaintance to
friendships grown up through
correspondence - but after you
have said this you have said all
The rest is "vanity and vexation
of spirit" and costs much money
in hotel bills and travelling
expenses - unless you happen to
belong to the inside ring

which manages the concern -
- They are I have attended not a
few of the receptions tendered the
association - both east and west,
and of all the dismal affairs
you can conjure up commended
me to a company of "Society
People" trying to entertain a
company of students. - And then
have the "Members" do deport themselves.
- Here comes that old bag of wind
Sturges Hunt. swelling himself up
and trying to look as big as
his own estimate of himself -
- before a bevy of Mrs Geo Hunters -
for all the world like a turkey
fobbler strutting in the barn
yard - and after him some
superannuated + weazen - faced
mascher like Cope, bowing and
grimacing - first this side and
then that - to a lady on each
arm - profuse in the gallantry

a little of which might better
be bestowed on the abused wife
at home! and so the procession
moves - I always had a
fatal inclination to get
into a corner and look
on instead of wisely going
in for the enjoyment of the
occasion

Mattie writes that the
Carpenters wish her to remain
with them until after they
return to the City - It seems
a long time to our girl, but
she wisely remarks that she
need not decide now - and at
any rate she can come home
in two days when she really
makes up her mind to come.
We have missed her here at
the lakes very much. Indeed

just now we are without
any daughter - Nina having
gone for a few days visit
with girl-friends in Elkhart -
Only Mrs Beth and myself and
three boys for a family.

I was thinking, one time -
that if I were down in Jaffrey
that I might keep pace with
Mrs Deane (if I could it with
her frisky husband) but
now that she is working up to
a 4 mile stretch I doubt it.
An up grade beats me! I did
however pull our oar with
Nina a few mornings ago
making five miles in fifty
minutes - there being a rather
stout lady passenger in the
stern -

Kind regards from Mrs
~~Deane~~ Beth and myself to Mrs Deane
and ourselves cordially Beth

Leander Dale Leakes

near

Elkhorn Wisconsin

Aug 7 190

Dear Mr Deane:—

I promised the children
that I would ask you why
"a hypocrites [I think it was
so written] eye can better deny
than you or I. or how many
times a passing act goes!"—and I
forgo all about it! This is to
make good my neglect. The
Communion beat us all—

Our neighbors in the south
close their cottage next week—
those in the north this week
following. Then we will be left
alone in our glory so far as the
Rockford Camp is concerned. We

plan to return home Aug 28th

All this makes us feel that our summer vacation is really drawing to a close.

I have lots to do when I get home - The house needs repainting and I have planned an extension of the lawn and border for shrubbery and hardy perennials - Now that we are absent during July & Aug the space at first allotted the small fruits and kitchen garden proves to be too large and I am only too happy to retitlige it in the way suggested above. There is a package - a small one - of Guatemala Willows from Mr Smith awaiting my return - a good starter on Willow work for the winter

A pious old fool - deacon in the Methodist church - director of a bank in Albany a man worth over \$100,000 - from whom I bought this lot was victimized day before yesterday out of \$6,000 in gold by 3-card monte - The old trick that has been exposed in the newspapers over over again - Who says that Landen Dale is not up in the pictures as a gambler

926 found Ave
Rockford Ills
Sept 8th 1903

Dear Mr Deane -

I opened with trepidation
your letter of Aug 18th - superscribed
by your wife. That felt reassured
upon finding no mention of any
circumstances whatsoever the account
for the disappearance of your
own familiar handwriting from
the envelope. So far so myself I
imagined that you had gone off
in a hurry on some botanical
excursion and had called back
to Mrs Deane the please send R
the letters left undirected. - Your
reference in a later letter to being
"taken quite sick - 4 days in bed -"
gives a different construction on the
matter and makes me feel ashamed

that I did not more promptly reply
to your brief notes - and enquire into the
why's and wherefores of this family
epistle. - The last week of the
hikes and the first week of getting
settled here at home into the
familiar routine is a season when
correspondence is too apt to be
neglected -

Now about Epilobium molle! I
had intended to make a good job
of sending you this plant in all
sorts and sizes - forma minor - forma
major - &c. &c. But lo! when I
visited the locality where it grows
so abundantly last summer I could
find only two plants. Fortunately one
of them is a very fine one - so I am
able to save my reputation and
redeem my promise - letting this full
representation go for next summer.

The answer to the query, and much more
caused a good laugh - Why is a room
full of married people empty - Can it

they were not up at Laredo all -
I myself found some compensation
in having Arthur and Walter at home
for a few days to help find the garden
- gravel walks &c in good order - but
really we might have prolonged our
stay one week - only that the children
especially those in the High School. felt
that they ought to be present the day
school began -

Mattie is coming home about the
12th of Oct. She writes that she has
grown so stout and brown. That her
personal appearance can scarcely ^{be} said
to be ^{an} improvement - but I'll risk that.

One hates to be for ever making
excuses but I hope you will accept
this dull letter as evidence of a
good intention, of the heart which
the head failed to sustain.

How happy you must be in the
recovery by this time of her mental
health & strength.

Cordially
W. S. Webb

he became there is not a single person in it - or is there a more reasonable answer. Now I must give you two or three which I heard at the Lakes this summer - Perhaps already familiar -

- 1st Why is the Devil a perfect gentleman?
- 2^d Why is Joseph Gillott the most
refined of men?
- 3 Why is a crow?

"Why do we come home from the Lakes so early as Aug 28th?" Well just for this absurd reason - "By a City Ordinance (back of which the School Board can not go) the ^{Public} schools must be opened the 1st Monday in Sept. It happened this year that the County Fair was held the same week - upon which great occasion the schools are always dismissed - So we all came home - the children went to school for just one day - and then the rest of the week - in our family - growled because

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Sept 25th /90

Dear Mr Deane -

Yours of Sept 21st
including, another letter from Dr
Murray excites some qualms of
conscience that I have not soon
acknowledged one of Sept 18th including
Murray first from Buenos Aires -
Strange that our friends foreboding
of revolt should have been written
only the day before the actual
outbreak occurred - There is something
interesting to me - recalling as it
does how the people of the north
during our civil war were ^{often} led to
misinterpret the events of the
day - to read Mr Murray's statement
that the "Government" succeeded in

suppressing the rebellion" - a rebellion
that was as far ~~practically successful~~
~~that it~~ "succeeded in suppressing"
Celman "in five or six days" -
Of course in Queens lines the
whole affair is given out as a
triumph of the government - and
Murray thoughtlessly falls in with the
popular idea -

As to that "remarkable transformation"
I have an obscure notion that the
foal turns the butter - but give the
connect this with the girl and scarlet
cloak -

As for the animal with most brains
we all give it up -

Against the Devil. Being Imp-^{of} darkness
he can not be imp o' lites - See!

Neglecting Murray and stupid
otherwise - This just the cover
Murray's letters herewith returned -

Mattie starts for home a week from
To-day -

Sincerely yours
M. L. Leth

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Oct 22^d 1890

My dear Mr Deane:-

I have just
returned from two weeks visiting
kith and kin in and about
Chicago - I have, living there -
two sons and their families - one
daughter and her family (three ~~boys~~
grandsons) - a sister and two married
nieces - in all seven households -
I came home rather tired - not
to say exhausted - by too much
excitement and a sort of
necessity I was under to make
sedule time - no matter what
the weather out of doors - Had I
staid as long in each place as
I was ~~needed~~ to remain the

whole winter would scarcely have
seen me through -

This simply to acknowledge
the many little tokens of
remembrance which I find on
my table from you - the return
Mr Mornys letter (how very interesting
it is?) and to promise that by & by
I will try to make amends for
present shortcomings - I want
to leave your article in the
American Garden for a less
opportune - One does not care to
have such enjoyments spoiled by
haste -

Mattie is home and already
quite settled into her accustomed
place and occupations -

Kindest regards to Mr Deane
and pray excuse this scrawl - only a
little bit better than unexplained
silence would have been Cordially Ruth

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill.
Nov 27 /90

Dear Mr Deane:-

I must write a few lines if only, to thank you for the Asters. I looked them over with satisfaction when they were first received. But postponed anything like a careful study until such time - now near at hand. ^{as} when I can spread the specimens out before me, mounted in first-class style. I scarcely know what I shall have to send you in return but I have picked up several plants, as their season passed, which I thought at the time would please you - among, the rest. *Hammamelis virginiana*

and this single fine specimen of
Epilobium molle which snatches me
by just the skin of my teeth
to redeem a reckless promise - I
shall never again expect to find
an Epilobium in a swamp one
season just because the place was
full of it the season before!

I have been intent upon
things now - botanical, and now there
is only four weeks intervening till
the Christmas Holidays - but after
that, sets in my annual season
of leisure for herbarium work -
I am looking forward to it coming
with unalloyed ^{pleasure} since I have no
task work before me. Nothing that
must be done on schedule time

I do not venture a single comment
on your interesting collection of
Asters - but fancy I shall have
something to say later on. This
is just to thank you for them
Cordially J. Lott

Nov 27. 1890.

Your postal just
handed me!

I join in
spirit the cordial
greeting, and
welcome home
which our
beloved Mormon,
is today receiving
from his Boston
friends

M L & S

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills
Dec 3-27/90

My dear Mr Deane:—

I poisoned your
Asters last evening and this morning
—right after breakfast. I arranged them
on sheets for mounting. What a
beautiful collection and how
satisfactory in showing the totality
of character for each species are
the sumptuous specimens! I do not
recall having ever ^{before} received from
one person, at a single sending, so
many fine Asters. The enthusiasm
which they awakened led me to make
a revision of all the specimens in
my herbarium — rearranging the
species after the grouping of the
Synoptical Flora. So I quite made
an Aster Day of it. Most of the
northern species, revived by frag or

at any rate made conspicuous as
additions to the Manual I had -

1. Aster Linalei, anis. I suspect (ex descr.)
that I have a single specimen of this
sub named A. Drummondii

2 Aster coccineus vera

3. A. polyphyllus - A specimen mixed
with A. ericoides is probably of this
species but I would like something
authentic for comparison

4. A. longifolius et var. - Could you get
this for me from your New Brunswick
correspondent.

5. A. patulus

6 A. tardiflorus -

No! you can't prove anything
by one ancient form intermediate
between A. viridus and A. diffusus -
but I am very glad indeed to add
to the group in my herbarium -
specimens like these of yours "compared
carefully with others named by Gray
himself" as affording an indication
of about where in the series it is
best on the whole to make the
division.

Dr Gray I notice still repeats his
old assertion that *A. Drummondii* runs
into *A. sagittifolius*. So it may, and
in herbarium specimens the relationship
may seem closer than it really is.
I am myself strongly of the opinion
that *A. Drummondii* here in St. Ells-
represents *A. undulatus* into which
it passes as you go southward.

A year ago in a bog near Lounddale
Lake I collected an *Aster* which at
the time I took to be an attenuated
form of *A. paniculatus* - which ^{species} I thought
I observed on the edge of the bog in
its normal development. But when
I got home I found my *Aster* was
A. junceus and now I am curious
to know if maybe I was mistaken
about the *A. paniculatus* also. It may
have been *A. longifolius*. I will
send you the form which I take
to be *A. junceus* for verification.
I find in my pocket two
letters and a newspaper clipping

from Mr. Morn, which have only been retained through inadvertence -

A letter from your friend M.B. would it seem quite natural if the Salices were ignored altogether - now I may add if the M.B. aforesaid did not have something to bother you with - so here it goes -

Capt. J. Donnell Smith sends me for determination a Willow from S. America - which according to the books might be named *S. Humboldtiana* var. *falcata* and (= *S. falcata*, Kunth) The specimens are so exactly like *S. nigra* v. *falcata* = *S. falcata* Pursh. that had they been collected near Baltimore I should never have suspected the slightest difference. Now what I want to know is this when Kunth named them *S. falcata* did he intend to refer them to Pursh's species - or did he, without knowing, that the name had already been given to a plant of S. America - use the name *falcata* for a supposed new species of his own. Do you get the idea? For the life of me I can not see wherein the plant of the Andes differs from that of the U.S.

and if Knuth thought the same
I might feel like giving S. nigra
to S. America - albeiss it is mighty
convenient to draw the line in
Central America and call everything
south of that S. Humboldtiana.

We had delightful fall
weather - Both east and west of us
were storms and freezing cold before
winter set in here in earnest -
Up to the day before Thanksgiving we
worked in the garden - and on that
very day laid some sods - But now
the ground is covered with snow and
we have had the thermometer as
low as 5° Fahrenheit -

Mattie sends her kindest
regards to yourself & Mrs Deane - "I
wish you could see them Father - I
know you would like them!"
- She goes out like her last photopose
- a dislike shared by all who know
her - She wishes me to say that

when she has another sitting - and
gets a picture she is not ashamed of -
- she will send to you with pleasure -

Well - the winter is before us - my
season - and presumably gives us well
for herbarium work and study - Let
me hear from you often as of
old - You can get up any amount of
enthusiasm when there is such a
group of botanists to create a kind
of reverberatory heat - and I get the
benefit of the portion which
becomes fixed in your letters -

Matthies says that you are coming
next as soon as Mrs Seane is able to
make the journey - I have always felt
a sympathetic interest in your wife's
improved health - but now I shall have
a downright selfish motive and
wishing that all the gain of one
summer may be held over and piled
at top the next -

Yours cordially,
Wm. L. Roth

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill
Dec 10 1892

My dear Mr Deane:—

I have been revising
my *Solidagones* today. a lighter task
as compared with a similar overhauling
given the *Asters* a short time since
I barely save myself on *S. oligosperma* a but
gemina by a single specimen from
New Brunswick light border. All the
rest of my so called *S. angust stricta*
Ait goes to *S. neglecta* 794. most of
it in forms intermediate between
the type and var *linoides*. There
is a plant from the Pocono Mts
Pa - which has been often collected
more especially by Prof Will Greene
and Porter. I have no doubt
but you will find it in the

Gray herbarium - and I wish you
could sometime tell me under
what name, whether as *S. neglecta*
or *S. uliginosa* (= stricta of the old Manual)

Furthermore I collected at Fontenelle
a similar form which I send out
sometimes as "*S. stricta*" sometimes as
S. neglecta - I scarcely knew which to
call it - but now that linoides is
made a variety of neglecta I can
scarcely be in error in regarding my
plant as of this species - intermediate
between the type and variety - You may
come across this too in the herb - if
so please tell me where Dr Gray carried
it in his final revision -

Cordially

Beck

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Decr 18th / 90

My dear Mr Deane:—

Porter's error be
more satisfactory than your report
upon the final determinations made
by Dr Gray upon some forms of
Solidago neglecta &c collected by myself
and others. It proves conclusively just
what I have all along suspected. Porter
and Greene were not in error when they
sent those three specimens under one
ticket and Dr Gray himself made a
mistake when he carried the two forms
with strict inflorescence to one species
and the third with "plainly second"
inflorescence to another. I have stood
in the midst of acres of this plant
and I know as a field botanist that
the two forms are not even varieties
of the same species. It is rarely the
case that a collector - unless his attention

is specially given to the matter will
collect a species so fully as to give the
clearest botanist the same impression which
he himself gets from the plants as
found growing - If the strict forms
of *S. neglecta* are to be carried to
S. religiosa roots - then *S. neglecta* in
this must go with them. But after
all Foster's New Brunswick plant in
my herb. - good religiosa - seems to be
of a different species - *S. neglecta*
in all forms grows in a bog up at
Lundendale and if I am there next
season (as I hope to be late enough for
collecting asters) I will get a series
of forms for you. - The strict forms,
and the second, flower together, both
very late - The specimen from Rainwood
Is. was collected by Dr Vasey! To sum
up then my present impressions -
S. religiosa of the coast, Maine and
northward, is a well defined species -
flowering early &c - with this Dr Gray
has confounded forms of *S. neglecta*

with strict inflorescence - flowering at
the very close of the season alone, with
Gentiana a detonsa &c and it is probably
widerage seemingly afforded by
upon the ~~straggles~~ of these forms that
the range of *S. uliginosa* is extended
to Pa- and Minn. It seems - I realize
that - and seems in me to thus
criticize Dr. Gray's determinations in
Carpenterae - But I have known this
plant all my botanical days in a
way he never did - and this is not
the first time in many years that
I have been bothered by the book
accounts of it - only now that I know
that Dr. Gray separated the specimens
from the Pocahontas - I can see just
why he did so - on account of the
inflorescence - and know that he made
a mistake. But what an additional
value your notes will give to all
my specimens! For instance Porters
specimens from Pocahontas - even those

with second inflorescence are labeled
 "S. stricta" these go the neglectus series.
 My own specimens to match the
 form which you say I found had
 placed in "ferrugineus" marked
 "neglectus verging towards Marklebuergerii"
 (= arguta) are easily identified - but
 I never thought of a transition towards
arguta - a species which I did not grow
 at Fontainebleau.

I sent Dr. Gray the series of specimens which led to the naming of *S. gigantea* and *S. serotina*. - I also sent him a series which first convinced him that juncea and Missouriensis were confluent - and I verily believe that had I known of what I believe to be an error concerning *S. neglecta* I might have had it corrected - I suspect the range of *S. religiosa* has been considerably extended by confounding with that species form of *S. neglecta* with strict inflorescence

At the same time I wrote to Julia
I sent a note to Porter telling him
that I had transformed all of this

P.S. A few days ago I came unexpectedly upon a nice, clean copy of Pattersons Catalogue of the Plants of Illinois - which I send you by mail with my best compliments. I feel pretty sure that you haven't it. for it has been out of print almost from the day it was issued - and that was before you had any Illinois correspondents I imagine - botanical ones that is.

There probably never was published a State Catalogue, so carefully edited and well printed of which there was such a limited number of copies struck off - just enough - at 50 cts apiece to recover the cost of paper &c. the type setting and press work ~~was~~^{being} a labor of love. I believe there were less than one hundred copies - over and above those subscribed for beforehand. Five or six years ago Prof Deane wrote to Patterson and was told in reply that the author

had no copies left. - As I took five
he (Patterson) refused Prof B. to me
but I thought at the time that I
had none the spare. so please don't
mention this one to that person - for
I would thereby be placed in a rather
embarrassing position. - I have always
regretted that Patterson did not adhere
to his intention of publishing supplements
annually. - but I suppose now that the
small number of copies first issued
makes it inexpedient to tag or addenda,
there would be two botanists wanting the
addenda to one who could possibly possess
the original Catalogue

You must enjoy - after all - the
work of arranging Dr Gray's autograph
letters - but there is one matter in which
I should feel even a greater interest -
viz. in knowing that Mr Gray was
editing his correspondence - so as to give
us a life in the modern style - We get
a little foretaste in the life of Darwin -
but think of what the correspondence
between two such lovable men as Gray
and Hooker must have been!

B.

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Dec 22/90

My dear Mr Deane:-

At the same time I wrote
requesting you to tell me what final
disposition I may have made of certain
Solidagines. I wrote to my old friend
Prof Porter, telling him what I proposed
to do with his "*S. stricta*" so called from
Picon's Mr and asking, what he thought
about it. The inclosed letter rec'd in
reply may be of interest to you.
I am not convinced, I have stood in
the midst of acres of *S. neglecta* and
observed all around me every conceivable
gradation of panicle from strict and
wand like the spreading and secund.
The thought of two species never entered
my mind. Next autumn D.V. I will
give this matter some attention
a-field. The implication seems to me
to be that if the strict form of *S. neglecta*
(as I regard it) must be carried to *uliginosa*

then the whole species (neglected in toto)
must go along with it. The alternative
is that the S. virginica of coast may
still be different (as I think it is)
and separable on characters more
brutofus emphasized. I observe that
Nell in the last Garden & Forest just
at hand. speaks of virginica and
neglecta - as blossoming together along
with the fringed pinks. I can
imagine just what he had in mind.

Your all the short paper on the
flora of the summit of Mt. Monadnock strikes
me as altogether the best thing of the
kind you have written lately. It is
simple, unpretentious - in good taste
and your pen loses ^{none of} ~~not all~~ the
grace and ease which ^{we} ~~was~~ like
so much in your ^{might correspond} letters. I have
thought sometimes when you write for
the public eye ~~that~~ ^{that} all the enthusiasm
of one Walter Dean was utterly squelched.
Perhaps - if you will pardon a little bit
of good natured criticism I would
just venture to suggest that simply

became a certain locality ^{is}
only "four hours ^{it does not necessarily follow} from Boston," that
therefore it ~~was~~ ^{is} "within easy
access to lovers of Pottery" in
general. This is a bit of that
sort of unconscious assumption which
one of the wild and woolly west are
prone to detect in the citizen of
Boston and New York -

Nina & Mattie are busy
packing Christmas boxes for
absent members of the family
and friends - I have been lending
my aid and writing at odd spells
which may account for ~~the~~
scratched and corrected pages and
general incoherency - I only intended
to include Porter's letter and here I
am at the bottom of a third
page - With the best wishes of the

season to both yourself and Mrs
Deane - and with especial emphasis
on Mattie's portion - the whole
family unite -

Voice from up stairs - "Father
are you busy?" No - "Well, will
you please nail the lid on that
box so that Mother can take it
down" - Yes - and that means that
after the lid is nailed down my
letter must be ready to go down
also -

Hastily

Roll

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
Dec 27 1900

My dear Mr Deane:-

The house was full on Christmas day but since then guests have taken their departure and our immediate home circle has thinned out until only Nina, Mattie & Frank are left with Mrs B. and myself: giving a quiet opportunity for those of us who remain to tide over this most trying period - a week of reaction following excessive Christmas hilarity.

I doubt if you can realize the enthusiastic reception which was given your photographs. Mattie went off into ecstasies over the one of yourself declaring it to be a most capital likeness - I fancy she quite prides herself upon

Knowing the Deane's personally an
advantage over the rest of us not
to be gainsaid. The Rhododendron
under a large lens is wonderfully
beautiful. The leathery texture and
gloss of the leaves and even the
waxy consistency of the flowers are
brought out admirably. It is only
my outlines that I should ever recognise
this as the original of the cut which
appeared in The Garden, At present
~~they~~^{the two} occupy a place on the mantel
shelf - but by & by I shall get them
into my room. And by the way you
would laugh to see my study in
its present condition - I must premise
that when the house was planned Mrs
B. and myself were agreed that it would
be a cozy, nice arrangement all 'round
to have my room open out of the
family sitting-room. The practical
outcome of this has been that upon
occasions of emergency the study is
made a mighty convenient place.

to toss rubbish and shut the door
upon it - Just now the floor is
literally covered with litter - manilla
wrapping paper - thrown hastily out
and thrown down in a tangle / Oh
how sadly good Miss Edgeworths lesson
in "Waste not want not" is forgotten
nowadays - / Boxes of all sorts and
sizes - made of tissue paper - and in
the midst of all the frame-work
of a puppet show! In all candour
I must add that when I do take
possession of my domain and
turn it to the legitimate use my
exclusive right therein is respected
to an extent almost laughable - and
furthermore that in the present
instance of converting it into a
convenient catch-all I myself
have been chief offender.

If it were not that I have
so many old scores to clear off - and
can not altogether depend upon myself

to carry out good intentions I shall
write to Dr. Sandberg and propose a
little exchange - When I know of
any one who really appreciates a
good specimen I am always glad
to share what I have - even regardless
of the good pros. - During the years
that my herbarium of Gray Man. Plants
was in process of formation Oh what
a number of first class collectors
there were. Then came a reaction -
the men that followed were bound I
suppose that their work should not
be recognized as that of "a mere collector".
A few attempts at exchange with these
makers "bald head" satisfied me and
I quit. - I hope that one Walter Deane
is the forerunner of another group
of good field botanists - and I should
like to come down like a Rip Van
Winkle among them - For to be
honest what little so called "original
work" I have ever done in botany has
been the result of extraneous
pushing - what I really enjoy is
collecting, and my herbarium.

W.D.

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
Dec 31 1891

My dear Mr Deane :-

I must have my
report on the ~~Smith~~ Guatemalan
Willows in his hands by the
13th I do not know how it is
a matter of much consequence
any way whether Pursh intended
the identity the ardean plant
with S. falcata, Pursh, or not. Still
I would like to ~~know~~ be informed
on this point before writing to
Mr S. If you can make it
convenient to consult the library
at the Gray Herbarium on this matter
and write to me so that I may
have your letter not later than
say Saturday Jan 10th I would be

much obliged - the reference is
to H. B. & K. Nova Gen. et spec. 2, p. 23
a few hours with a cup of hot water
and the lens - mainly I imagine
to justify a decision already
reached but need subject the
correction - in all that remains
for me to do, in the way of
study.

I have been dusting some
amplificate bundles and a thin
little package for W. D. is
growing up. - Incidentally, I had
occasion to examine more closely
than I have done heretofore the
Carices of the Ham. new ed. - I was
greatly surprised to find how few
desiderata I had to record, only one
species (*C. ptychocarpa*) - a few of the
new varieties - and two hybrids.

Twenty years ago - or such a matter -
I enjoyed a liberal exchange

it is there for all future care-
students to puzzle over, and each
have his individual opinion
concerning its character.

I believe that I have
obeyed your injunction and
"kept on till I have nothing
more to say."

Cordially

Best

P.S. I open my letter to ask^{of} you
an addition or furor. In D. C. Ford 16²
199 Alph D.C. adds in a footnote under
S. Humboldtiana "nomine Chilensis Molinae
vetustius idcirco admitterendum" - It is
scarcely the case that D.C., as editor, goes out
of his way to criticize the work of a
contributor unless there is good reason for
so doing. Will ^{you} therefore consult the reference
given to Molina (hist. nat. Chili p 140) and
copy for me the description &c of S. Chilensis
also date of publication of this and of
S. Humboldtiana Kunth respectively

with a number of the most active
and sharp-sighted Carey-collectors
that we have ever had. (Short,
Sartwell, Mead, Hall, Conly, Porter,
Varey, Hale, Parker, are name thus
occur to me as I write) and although
the method in arrangement
~~remains~~ may change, the material
remains, to exemplify whatever
treatment it may receive at
the hands of different authors.
That is just how it is with
my poor little painting, C. Bebbii.
Once recognized it is too good
to throw away - yet scarcely good
enough to keep - and so it will
be cuffed about as C. mirabilis.
Dew has been. Bailey was quite
sure it was not anything at first
but now he has given it bold faced
type. - and who knows but someday
it may be numbered. At any rate

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill 2
Jan 4 /91

My dear Mr Deane:—

I wonder if this
will follow my letter of yesterday
close enough to reach your hands
before you go up to the Gray Library
to look up S. falcata Kunze. If it
does will you please give me also
a Transcription of S. oxyphylla Kunze
HBK Nov Gen 4. 2 p 24. if it does not
do not make a second trip— the
matter is not of sufficient importance.
You see I have not yet really
tackled the Guatemalan Willows in
earnest yet can not help nibbling
around the edges. I will be dozing
over the fire— just getting ready
apparently to say good night to the
family, when all at once a fresh

idea will strike me and I start off
to look that up instead. The fact is
of late years I have learned to
be cautious - to make some determi-
nation in a tentative way and
then come up to it from another side
and see if it will bear criticism -

Arthur went up to Lancaster Lake
the day after Christmas to spend a
week at a farm house - situated not
far inland from our cottage. He returned
yesterday, reporting a splendid time
skating - fishing for pickerel through the
ice - &c. - and he came home loaded
down with good things our country friends
had given him - or sent to the rest of us.
3 fine bro Black Hamburg hens for his
winter yard. 3 plump young fowls dressed
- a sack of fine buckwheat!!! - about a
peck of popcorn - 2 doz, fresh eggs &c -

Please do not be at any extra
trouble on account of L. oxyphylla
if this reaches you too late -

As ever
Cordially yours
D. S. Bell

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Jan 12th 1891

My dear Mr Deane:

What a generous, patient
soul to greet my third letter with
a "Ho-ho-ho" - Well I am thrupke with
A. Humboldtianum falcata - very phylla & -
so you are sure of a rest. Thanks
for all your kindness which I fully
appreciate - What a bother I make
over a little matter anyway - some
things to learn something myself
and only the remaining fraction to
teach others. Now I must give a
day or two to non-botanical affairs
and then the next thing is to
write labels and send off a small
contribution to the "Herbarium of Walter
Deane" - Specimens mostly old and faded
but I trust not commonplace. They
were firstwaters, some of them, once upon

a time - and I have some the case
less for brighter colors than I once did
seeing all will fade more or less after
years of keeping - Nevertheless a good
specimen, such as Prof. that was worst
to make is always good.

In the early part of this winter I
was putting in some extra genus covers
&c and removing more or less - with the
usual result of discarding useless material.
This is something that Dair bother you now
and perhaps you think is never well - but just
wait till the Nest of N. D. is thirty years old
and see! When I was a boy we used to
give each other a problem like this. If a
frog in a well climbs up ~~one~~ ^{one} foot every
night and falls back two feet every day how
long will it take him to get out. - That
is the "polite principal" in which my
barbarism is growing at the present time.

When next a Potomac friend writes
write you - please present my most cordial
regards - and say that I wish I could be
there also - Been so long since I've seen a
Potomac more forgotten how they look
came to think Farnell was the last - and he
was a beauty - Yours ever Bob

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Jan 19th 91

My dear Mr Deane:-

In returning, to
Mr Rand his 1890 Coll of *McDermott*
Salices (a bulky bundle) I have
taken the liberty, to include a
small package directed to yourself
which he will forward. In it
I hope you may find a few things
which will pass muster for a
place in that "finest show on
earth" of fraying Man. plants. Some
of your desiderata among the
Salices which I might have
supplied in poor specimens I passed
by hoping, to send you better of
my own collecting, next year - I
am very well satisfied to think
that I can send two species new

to your husbarrin - That is if your
Minneapolis friend has not anticipated
me - viz Epeolobium moorei and
Ranunculus shambordii -

Some of the Willows are from
beyond your limit - but I believe
you once made an exception of
Salix and Carex in this regard -
The specimens are choice ones - You
must be surprised to see the amount
of rubbishy specimens of Salix that
I receive - Every once in a while some
generous soul writes me that he has
sent me his "entire stock of duplicates"
and just when I am counting ~~up~~
how I am ever to discharge such
obligations - The stuff comes and proves
to be all the old culls and odds and
ends of long accumulation which the
possessor could do nothing with, Perhaps
in the long run I have learned
something about American Willows
overhauling such miscellanea as

material and occasionally I have
come across something of more
value than the donor intended to
send, so I am not altogether disappointed.
- *Salix nigra* "in all its forms" is on
your list. Do you know that common
as this Willow is. it is very shabbily
represented in herbaria - my own
no exception - nor Gray herb. either!
I realized this when I wanted good &
ample material for comparison with
J. D. Smith's *Esatanulana* & Humboldt's
one of *phylla*. It is all flowers & fruit
and no good mature leaves. Next season
I intend to go for nigra - in good
flower & fruit - but above all in good
big, generous leaf specimens. These will
cover a sheet and show for what they
are. I am not sure but I will cut out
the size of the earlier taken fl & fr
specimens - in anticipation of space

required for leaves.

I am curious to know what
your opinion will be concerning ~~the~~ my
Aster junceus? or called. It is
certainly very like the old *A. aestivus*
of my herbarium in cases where I
believe my correspondent got their
name from D. Gray. It is ~~certainly~~
either this or the slender form of with
linear leaves of *A. paniculatus* -
mentioned by D. Gray in the Synops. H.

I write in haste and under
pressure - with a feeling all the
time that I am leaving unsaid
the thing which I ought to say.

Yours as ever
W. L. Bull

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Jan 28th 1891

My dear Mr Deane:-

I am glad you are
pleased with the plants I sent
you. Now I have given you a list
of desiderata that you could
let me look over under promise
to return immediately - I doubt
if it would pay to make out
a list for my exclusive use
but if you have anything that
I could run my eye over and
perhaps see here and there
something of which you might
want more or better specimens
it would give me an opportunity
to testify, in other than mere
words, my appreciation of your
many helpful services.

Porter and Carby were among my
very earliest correspondents. But I
had not heard from either of late
years. We each got perhaps all that
the other had to impart - and so our
correspondence and exchange of
specimens had ceased altogether. In
Porter's case I felt easy in my mind - for
I had sent the last parcel - I read your
letter one day and the next rec'd one
from Porter beginning, "I have long
carried a burden of curious misdeeds
that I never made an adequate return for
the '40 & 40 - and then following "I have
put together a small parcel for you
which I send by mail to-day" - I was
rather glad. over and above any
pleasure that the specimens gave me
for I did not like to think that
my old friends counted me "a
back number"

Britton reports in the Geochæa as
follows - "The Geochæa is S. stricta
Leggett, n. sp., a clear species for

which there may be an old ~~the~~ Papineau-
esque name but so far I have
been unable to place it in his
"Monograph"

The electric car lines have been
extended in several directions, one or
two miles beyond the city limits
(mainly to boom suburban lots)
and will afford me facilities
in reaching some very desirable
botanizing ground - which last
summer were beyond my walking
ability. - One is the hills above the
city on the bank of Rock River
which last summer I could only
visit twice - Now I can go to
within a mile by the cars - The
other is one upon which I am
counting greatly - viz the right of
way of the Chicago & Northwestern R.R.
which was secured in thirty years

ago and has of course never
been cultivated or pastured since
all I have to dread is that Blue-
grass will have spread in from the
farms along side and smothered out
most of the indigenous vegetation -

Yours cordially
W. L. Bibb

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Feb 27/91

My dear Mr Deane:—

This winter I am
cultivating as a specialty habits
of promptitude and dispatch. If
I ever do get caught up I wonder
what I will do next! Your letter
and list of desiderata was handed
me by the carrier just before dinner—
letter read—list revised and "hopeful
cases" made note on—folded—placed
in return envelope—presented!

With parcels in hand from Cassy
Porter—"Washington"—I do not wonder
that you find your ~~box~~ ^{box} filling up faster than
you can get time to empty it—
Oh by the way if an old dog really
and truly can't learn new tricks
then I'm not an old dog! There!!
I've learned from Walter Deane

to do my mounting in the evening,
and ~~lay down to sleep~~ ^{setting down the ink} ~~lay down to sleep~~. Found it
mighty easy too. It is just barely
possible that a reversal of the
process - viz. if I had been used to
setting down and taking it easy
to learn to stand up and work up
a mailer - might not at the present
day and date have been quite so
acceptable. I got some plants from
Porter one P.M. poisoned them that evening,
dressed in sheet next morning - mounted
sperk evening - distributed next morning.
Presto. next! - Well next was some
British Columbian Salix Coel Macconn
that required study - and Alack the study
ended in my having to knock a spic
of my own making in the head. dreadful
sorry. But science is science -

The only wonder to me is that
when Walter Deane took that leap
at the bottom of the page he didn't
gly like a streak leaving, why his
legs to mark the place of disappearance
at the top. When you have time tell
me about the Washington exchange - If you
think that your Memphis friend would

like a few Mellons from me
will give me his address

Carroll
made note to him

926 Grand Ave

Rockford Ills

Dear

Feb 14th 91

Mr, dear Mr Both-

Your Desiderata List
did indeed have a narrow escape!
I recall now my having thought at
the time that it would be well to
pass a tape around the envelope.

Well! experience has not been high
in her charges for tuition this time
and I shall know better hereafter.

I imagine that Synthyris Doughtoniana
is left in the list as one of the
things of which you want "more or
better" - It is an ~~any~~ easy thing to
collect in bad shape and spoil
in drying - I am sure I can
get this for you as it grows on
the bank of Leander Dale Lake - by the
pathway leading down to our landing!

I wrote those notes for talk. Had
the thought entering my head of your
folding, and pocketing most of them
I should have been scared off and
never written at all - "in ink" or
pencil.

Our superb weather continues.
I notice a group of little girls on the
sidewalk skipping rope and just
beyond some boys playing peg top -
Evidently they are persuaded that the
season has come round for such
sports. No snow - (we have had no
sleeping this winter -) clear forty nights
mild, sunny days - little wind - no
fog, no rain.

We had the most fun out of
Bonarrie at the start - though your
picture has been duly tested - You
must know that our boys were born
on a Western cattle farm - and when
an advertisement appeared representing
the milking of a steer, and on the
wrong side at that - it just doubled

them all up! - The Boonville people
evidently were not kept long in
ignorance of the absurdity of their
picture and it was replaced by one
not open to criticism

Although I have done more
work in a botanical way this
winter than I have been able to
accomplish in several seasons
past - it has been after all a "storm
clean" clean through, I will not say
more than barely catch up by the
time I shall want to go out into
the garden and fields - One consolation
if the angels in the highest
Heavens of the Swedenborgian faith
delight in noes - then I have
been "serving the Lord" - for I have
given a good many days - to the
pleasure of helping others - whom
as many as I have expected of

you!

I will not write to Dr. Landberg
until I am sure that I shall have
the time and space to do something
more than write

What do you think of the
January Gazette. John Donne's
Smith's paper is beyond question
a solid contribution to botanical
science - but is it just the proper
thing to devote so many pages of
a periodical sustained by popular
subscriptions to such a matter. That
however valuable it may be (and
in the Proceedings of some Academy or other
body need question its value) is the
or small a number ~~the~~ either interesting
~~or~~ ~~not~~ instructive? As for Hypophonyctes
I did not even cut the pages. It is all
right no doubt only I don't vote on
Hypophonyctes as some folks do! And
is it "news" to tell us that "Dr Thomas
Manning has returned from his D. A. Trip"
&c. - The fact is - for the last three or
four months I have found little in the
Gazette to repay the outlay of \$2.50
Cordially Both

526 Grand Ave
Rochester N.Y.
Oct 20th 79,

My dear Mr Deane:-

Your name is often sent
me interesting letters from our
good friend Mary. I take
pleasure in reciprocating. - After
your trips up to the Harvard
Library in my behalf you will
appreciate what is said about
Molina's Salix Chilensis - and then
the closing paragraph evinces
such a charming personality -

As we count you - all 'round
a family friend I must
communicate some family news.
Aina is to be married the coming
Spring or early summer to Mr Mason

Whom you may recall as the
young gentleman who accompanied
Mother on her visit to your house
last summer. We have every
reason to feel satisfied that the
young man is a clean, moral
upright - manly fellow who will
make our daughter a good husband.
He was graduated at Brown in the
class of '87 and has since worked
his way into a position with
Mason, Chapin & Co which enables him
to feel abundantly able to main-
tain a home of his own -

I am just sending a request to
Barnes for the Gazette about mounting
plants and advising him to call on
you for next

Cordially as ever
Beth -

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills
Oct 27th 1911

My dear Mr Deane:—

As our minds ran along the same lines in the determination of Artemis juncea. first taking the plants on sight for a slender form of a parviculatus. and finally. after comparison with best specimens of Artemis juncea. setting aside the earlier impression. Your remark about my specimens branching rather more than those in best Gray I think I can account for. I imagine that I selected unconsciously such specimens because they looked prettier. Had more flower heads to the square inch. I can get the other sort. and I am also very anxious to know what the Artemis was, growing near by, which I passed with a mere nod of recognition for one of my friend's parviculatus.

But I can not accept your reversal of my determination of this

fiberrum - at least not unceremonially.
I have seen lots of *V. pubescens* in
N. Illinois and I once collected *V.*
dentatum in S. Ills. Now unless my
V. dentatum was an extreme form
- and unless the line between *pubescens*
and *dentatum* is drawn nearer the
former than I have all along supposed
then the Wisconsin plant is not *dentatum*
- though admitted to be intermediate in
character - Why? my *V. dentatum* has
leaves twice or thrice as large - as broad
as long - petioles $\frac{3}{4}$ in long - secondary
veins diverging regularly and leading
out to a very sharply dentate margin
and so on - I will get fruit - if possible
next season. Though I imagine that
the character of the seed varies pro-
portionally - with more tangible distinctions

You shall certainly have Asplenium
Hamptonianum - And I forewarn you you
will not feel like jumping over the
moon when you come to see the
specimens! It is a mean plant to
dry - but I am glad to have something
ahead as a clean addition to your

herbarium - hope all the plants will not
get scared off this time.

I have sent a little reminder to
Prof Beal's Open Letter in The Gazette
- proposing a discussion of ^{methods} of ^{the} Barnes ^{of}
mounting, &c and ^{just} ^{thinking} ^{that}
our W.D. would be a good one to call upon
next. The March No. is already made
up - so my spirit is the come out in
April - I have my old blunderbus
loaded up the the muzzle with a charge
to be fired off at "fading numbers" but
as I myself have proposed opening the
door - it will not do to follow this up
too closely - will look too much as if I
just was asking for a chance to strike
in my own old gun and blaze away.
Have also written and Miller Notes. II.
has laid up the cool - preparatory to final
revision - Nothing of general interest anyway
I only wanted to go over my old work on
the California Melons and correct some
mistakes before someone else did it for
me. As a lot of my thirty-year-old
labels are still floating about the

Yes the bottom of today - I should
have imagined - if I thought about
the matter at all. That they were all
piled down or dumped into the
trash basket years and years ago.
It seemed at one time as if I were
living all over the state of Ills. North,
South and middle - I was a young fellow
ready to copy new knives - and the
things to copy were not so numerous then
as they are now. Prof C. W. Shatt. simply stamped
his labels C. W. Shatt.
Kentucky "C. W. Shatt. Kentucky 18-" and
I "followed" my leader. Then my
stays at Washington - though in the end it
proved to be one of several years now
always just going to come to an end and
I never acknowledged myself a resident
- nor did I have any tickets printed for my
Dist of Col. collections - as I ought to have
done - and certainly would do in my present
state of mind on the subject - So the
Chrysomelid Virgimanus was collected in the
Dist of Col. by me "M. S. Bates" of "Illinois".
The ticket ought to have been filled out like
the enclosed -

I enjoyed the Ames Iowa Catalogue
- Flora so nearly like our own here in Ills -
Also Mechanics photos of Chrysomelids - I have always
thought of them as a mass of forms - but now
about the accuracy, their forms and I am ready to begin;

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
March 14th 91

My dear Mr Deane:-

I will begin with
your postcard and the Carey. It is
said that to keep abreast of the times
one must either get there himself or
touch elbows with others who do. If I
keep on corresponding, with you and
getting a bundle of plants occasionally
from Mr Payson - as is has just been
my happy fortune to do. I shall be
posted by & by whether I will or no, on
all the latest determinations. Now I
really hadn't noticed that Carey grandis
was my old cephalopoda - and when
I came to look things up in my
herbarium. What do you suppose I
found? A specimen of Carey Cephalopoda
labeled "Dewey in Boott." "Rocky Mountains
- Dewey's own ticket!" So either
Dewey himself didn't know what
he had named "in Boott" or

Bailey is off - I ~~forget~~ ^{ought to say} that the specimen so named ^{with no character and geographical position} ~~monocotyledon~~ ^{gracilis} I was living, at Mount Airy I sent you this, "root and all, with every assurance - for it did not die out of the meadows as some of the other ~~they~~ seedlings did - But here in town I can not feel so sure - However I will bear your request in mind -

I dare say you will find that the dividing line between *Peburum dentatum* and *pubescens* is drawn much nearer the latter than I have supposed - If you look the matter up in the ~~form~~ ^{form} book, I shall be interested to have your final judgment. You may find three very *Salic* *Ills* dentatum and if you do will know how to make allowance for my opinion.

Well - I rather guess - to give the mean thing, its due - that *Syntherisma* is not quite so bad as *legonaria*. The seed pods do not so seriously interfere with pressing the leaves - but the ~~the~~ final color is pretty much the same -

I send the Barnes and withdrawn

a very foolish "open letter" and
have substituted something a little
better - I hope. At any rate the
second attempt is in better taste
- not hypercritical. and does not even
pretend to smartness - all of which I
very much fear I could not say of
No 1. I have written the Barnes that
if he will get something out of you
for the May No I will follow in June
with a protest against the use of
"guiding numbers" which I really believe
will be worth while if I can only give
my thoughts adequate statements.

I shall have to write the Dr Dandridge
now sure enough and send him a
little packagelet. But will defer a
more pretentious sending till the close
of next season -

Your criticism of some old
labels reminds me of what Jas.
M. Maccom once wrote me about
the localities given in The Flora
Boreali-Americana. I wish I could

recall some of the most amusing -
and thus can something like this
"Between York factory and Assiniboine"
or Between Lake Winnipeg and Grand Bear
Lake. - At any rate covering reaches
of thousands of miles -

I have just been working
up a hybrid among the Rocky Mtn
Alpine Willows - and it proves very also
interesting. Have just been making
a drawing of ^{it} ~~three~~ the natural size. To
admit of a reduction of 50% in photograph -
a first attempt and more satisfactory
than I expected it would be. In fact
my little Willow looks so fine
"soit large" I almost wish it was as
big as the picture.

I wish I had 28 new pigeon
holes to spread out in - only I prefer
5 in high for a private collection -

This is not much of a letter but it
will give me excuse for beginning,
by and by the look for one from you
which I may as well confess is
largely my motive in writing - Cordially
Bath

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills
April 15/91,

My dear Mr Deane :-

About a month ago I came out from my study, - closing the door behind me with the feeling that pretty much everything that I had set out to do through the winter had been done - for a wonder - and as it was nearing the time for spring operations in the garden I would not make any fresh beginnings in botanical work - By some mysterious coincidence my friends all dropped me completely at the same time - so that I did not receive a single letter to tempt me back - I said to myself Deane is busy - as the time for Easter examinations approaches - by & by when he has his vacation I will surely hear from him - but vacation time came and passed by and still no letter - then I

gave up - accepted the conditions as
final - and took to digging in the
dirt for consolation.

But I absolve you - If I
could take such a splendid trip
relieved from sordid pecuniary thoughts
wouldn't I forget all about letter
writing for a time! What a lot of
real, live botanists you met - and
how inspiring the experience must
have been - 'Why! I have not seen
one - not a single one - in a whole
year!' Do you wonder that I let go
my hood once in a while and take
to activities wherein I can find
a kindly and loving sympathy in
those about me - No. That does not
just express what I wished to say,
- rather wherein I can give a
cordial sympathy - join with others
in something, that we can all
work together in

After our exceptionally mild

winter March proved as a very disagreeable and gloomy month - the sun scarcely showed his face from beginning the end - a long, dreary succession of cloudy days that has told fearfully on the vitality of the weak and aged. The half of April gone has not been much of an improvement - but we try to console ourselves with the reflection that when warm sunny weather does come - it will be with a bound - and we will go right out of winter into summer - as in fact we usually do here in N. Ells -

Arias wedding - about which you inquire - is set for June 15th I believe - I do not like to think of her going away from her old home - but then it is in the

order of Nature and I must
accept the inevitable; We will all
miss her very much - Our home life
has been a kind of prolonged *vicie*.
We have not had enough money for each
to be able to go their own way quite
independent of the rest - so that out of
one very deprivation has grown up a
habit of mutual dependence - that has
drawn us all into a very close
family sympathy. Partly through choice.
Partly from circumstances beyond my
control I have - for an American
father at least - been able to make
comparisons of my children to an
extent ^{rarely}, which surpassed the parents at the
present day - and I feel all the more
the withdrawal of one - only hoping that
her loyalty to the old home will be
equally shown in the new - and find
as loving appreciation -

Yours cordially
Mrs. S. Lath

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Mar, 30th /91

My dear Mr Deane :-

I am a poor correspondent in summer time for a fact! - Correlatives at all seasons inevitably degenerates into sheer incompetence when warm weather comes. It is not that I care less for the expression of kindly sympathies with those endeared through ties of family or of friendship - but simply that I suffer the poor up an insuperable aversion to the use of pen and paper - trusting, the while that love will bear the strain -
I promise myself to turn over

a new leaf when we get up to
the lakes and then I will write
you a long letter about my
way of doing things, about which
you have made flattering
inquiries in your last two letters -
Neither wife nor I have had
much plus energy this spring -
Both of us have suffered from
a recurrence of something like
Loc. grippe - and with numerous
demands upon all our energies
of both head and heart - there has
been only a feeble life stream
into the daily ~~tasks~~ tasks of
involved in keeping the house
going - Truly, this is it gets to be
an old story and every body detests
whining I should write myself
down as half-sick - This only as
an excuse for delay - Your letters still
remain "unanswered" - Cordially Both

Laurelville P.O.
Walworth Co, Wis.

July, 8th 79.

My dear Mr Deane:-

It matters little where I begin so I do not begin with excuses! Let it be at Annas Wedding. As I took little part in planning this I can say in all modesty that it was an almost ideal occasion of the kind. Only the nearest relatives and most intimate friends of the family were present so that even our small room was not overcrowded. Now I wish you and Mrs Deane could have been with us. If we know people by the company they keep, to have met us at this time in the circle gathered about would have been a sort of concentrated illustration of our family character. Mattie and I had

planned some simple floral
decorations but the dew was not
dry on the grass when a few
kind friends came in - and in
a most unexpected and lavish
manner heaped up flowers every where.
The wedding was at noon - but the
company remained until Maria
left at half past two and in all
this time there was not the
suspicion of any flapping in social
enjoyment. There were enough young
people present to carry things right
along even if Dr Kerr and a few
old codgers like myself did get into
a corner to discuss penology -
the school question - the present City
government (which is nothing to brag
of) &c - There was happily no chance
for this sort of thing to spread. Even
the ceremony was a surprise -
Something our good friend Dr R. picked
up in Europe two years ago and had
never used but once before - a happy
retention of the old rhetoric

with much touching closely the
thought of the day which came
in, suddenly but like a flash of
light thrown over the new objections
imposed by modern life - There was
a caterer in the kitchen but he
staid there, and the company was
served by some of our younger brothers
assisted by a few friends of their
own ages. It was all simple, social,
unpretentious and home like. Our
guests were when they did the go
they were pleased with our
passing - very happily except the
spirit in which we desired to
have the affair conducted, and as

I balance accounts with Rhode Island!
I hope you may meet Nina some-
she is the girl that used to keep
my letters in order for me - and
has filed away too many sym. &
M. D. - as well as shared too fully
in the family larking for the

winter not to wish very much
to meet you.

After the reading, we all said
encouragingly one to another—
now for the lakes. There's the place
to rest!—just hold on for a
few days longer and then we
can drop everything. At the last
last week packed that was to go to
Providence and the last trunk that
was to go to the lakes and at
last we were off. Relief was to be
immediate with the first sniff
of cool breezes coming in from
off the water. Alas for my tired wife
and poor Mattie those trunks were
not unpacked when we had
company come in till we had
them at table, and it was partly our
own fault. Last summer we had
invited friends for a specified
time and they had been by
some untoward circumstances prevented
from coming at that time—when we
were a flock of hospitalities had said

Let us give you a lunch - even if
it is a cold one" but they declined
remarking with what struck me at
the time as very good sense that
it was enough to suit us and at
eleven o'clock and if we could just
give them a place to sleep they would
be all right. After our first back to
our own private room in the cottage
my wife whispered "I faintly trembled
in my shoes when you began to
talk about lunch. I intended to
bake biscuits for breakfast and
to bake in the morning but there
is not a slice of bread in the house!"

How many miles does Mrs Deane
make for a starter, I am almost
as good-for-nothing as I was this
time last year but hope to
repeat the picking up experience.
Young Macdon has been appointed
secretary to the Commission, this is the
report on the Seal Fishery business in
Behring Sea and notes "where our stay, at my
place is short my intention is to confine
myself to the collecting of Willows, Carices and
Cryptogams - You will hear from me soon after
my return" Newcastle. - And still your
inquiries go over the next time

Belk
and

Oh never mind - you must come
next summer - sometime that
will suit your convenience" and
they took us at our word. and as
it suited their convenience to be
out of the city they came on the
fourth. or rather so as to include
that day in their visit. If they
had only given us a few days to
catch our breath first! for they
were really people whom we wished
to have with us. whose company
we might and would have really
enjoyed only we were all so tired
out. Well there was nothing to do
but to brace up and postpone that
happy telling of things for
still another week ahead.

We have hair-breadth escapes
in the matter of supplies sometimes.
Two of our friends came in upon
us after we were all in bed and
asleep. I exclaimed "You must be
tired and hungry after your ride

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills
Aug 31st 1877

Dear friend Deane: -

We were sitting out under
the trees, only a few days before we
left the lakes when Annie burst
out with the exclamation - "Father! I
wish you could meet Mr Deane. You
would like him. Every body likes him.
It would just do you lots of good!"
All of which I don't mind. The
problem for me to solve just at
present is. why have I not per-
haps any end of a correspondence
which would at least have wafted
over to me a little of that "good"
which the fates have thus far
withheld in "lots" - I can not
accept your explanation that I have
been "lounging in that comfortable
family boat quite oblivious of
mundane things" - I thought of

you time and again - my thoughts
coming not altogether as hazy - all
defined service - but taking definite
shape as if for some possible letter.
I knew what I ought to do - and what I
really in some sense wanted to do and
I did it - I gave up writing
altogether - except a forced business
letter - or a few pages now and then to
one of the absent children - Possibly as far
as botanical correspondence is concerned -
there may have been a motive at
bottom not altogether discreditable -
You can not realize what a desaster
I have become - There is nothing of
the botanist left in me except a certain
ability to appreciate work done by others -
I have not collected a single specimen -
- nor made a single observation - I have
studied nothing - laid out no lines for
future activity - planned no work for
the coming winter and am conscious
that there is the suggestion of sheer
fraud in attempting to hold a
position on the score of past achievement
(if indeed there is anything of that

worth mentioning) when I am doing
nothing to make good my claim
to recognition as a fellow worker
- in human nature and obscure a
field - To tell the truth - my good
friend - I am kind of stunned and
half senseless - I am not very strong
and the year has been a trying
one - While we were at the lakes there
came a hurried letter from my
eldest son. That a place had been
made vacant in his business and
wishing to know if Arthur would like
to take ^{it} - reply by telegraph and come
as soon as possible - It was a very
promising opening for the young man
and after a family council it was
thought best that he should accept
the place offered. It meant one more
day at Landerdale for the boy - then
a day in Rockford with his mother
to pack up and then off to Chicago -
And so goes another - the third child

to leave the parental roof within the
year - And it means much to me -
- Arthur has grown up from - boyhood to
young manhood during years when I
have been far from home, and I
had come to depend much upon his
ever willing helpfulness - and cheerful
spirit - In many ways he had growth,
taken upon himself cares and duties
unusual for a boy of his years and
I feel lost without him - The whole
home life has to be readjusted -

Now all this is my apology for not
writing - and this letter is strictly - (four
pages as thickly strewn with "I's" as
Darwin acknowledged our "damnable"
paragraph in the Introduction to the
Origin of species) is sufficient proof
that or was in the exercise of a
wise discretion that I did not reflect
upon my friends a multiplicity
of like sort,

Yours ever
Wm. Lillie

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills

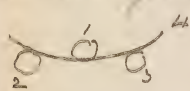
Sept 4th 91

My dear Mr Deane:-

I have never yet told you
how I put down tickets in my suit.
As an illustration of how an ordinarily
some persons will accept some entirely new
of doing a thing and stick to it through a
life time. although no person before mine
has ever done the same and no person
following is even likely to repeat the process
the account may amuse you. I warn
you before hand so that you may not
expect something very commendable and
find only a ridiculous quirk noticed
- You see it was a kind of evolution. the
process was. I was living out in an Illinois
prairie and left a good deal to my
own resources. I first tried the prism
trapezoid way as practiced at Rockford
but didn't like the curling up of the
sheets. Then I tried fastening the corners
but found that in handling, the sheets
caught in or under the labels and tore
them loose. Next came fastening the
entire upper edge leaving the rest of
the label loose as recommended by Par.

an excellent way. Ad backing in mountains
and on look of perfect security. Up to this
time I had been using formulae
paste-thick - but still found enough to
work with a small brush. The next
step with a few experiments - this way and
this - led to the old plan substantially, I may
present method and this I have steadily
adhered to for more than twenty four
years. Specimens are arranged on the
sheet before gluing so that there may be
no mistake in placing specimens, labels,
pickets etc. - but the labels are left lying on
the sheet loose till the entire gluing process
is through with. I then lay before me
a pile of the mounted sheets and proceed
to attach the labels. At my right hand
is placed a tablet of wedge wood ware - (a
plate turned up side down is just as good)
I take from a wide-mouthed vial about half
a teaspoonful of gum-arabic as thick as
honey (Deweeson's gum very slightly thinned - is
just as good - if not better) and place it
on the tablet or plate. Lying on the plate
is a stick of elastic wood. I run my
thumb over it (so to speak) not shaved
down thin like a spatula as the other
with this I draw off to one side a portion
of the gum and rubbing it around on
the tablet get a thin smearing or film

on the flat side of the stick. Now by
flipping taken, the stick in my left
hand ^{bottom side up} pressing the middle above
with my thumb while supporting the
top and bottom edges with two fingers
the edge next the right hand will
present quite a firm resistance (Will
a diagram help to elucidate this?)



- 1 thumb
- 2, 3 - fingers
- 4 edge

In this position I
take my straddle and by a dexterous
movement - like drawing a fiddle bow
over a string, only with a slide motion
combined with it I distribute a thin
edge of gum just where I want it. The
thinner the better. The trick of course has
to be shifted 4 times to get at all the
edges. This done it is laid in place
- pressed down - and the attachment is
immediate. I have gone through the
business so much and so often that I have
become quite expert and do the work
much more expeditiously than you would imagine
from this recital. If your gum is too
thin it will be apt to get out on the sheet
from under the edge of the label and will
look ugly - or else the label will stick -

If too thick or many dry before you get the label on - Having attached the label I put occasion the ~~use of~~ necessary staying strips - the fruit fits in pockets - and in general to have a nice time making, the acquaintance of the new owner before he goes to his place in the bush, whence I may not find him again in years -

I never tried to do any thing very lamp-lighter till I learned the trick from you - It was formerly my wont to glue during the day and attach labels &c during the evening - The work can be better done at night (I fancy) for by holding the book between you and the light the thin edge of your pliers and you can see just what you are doing - It must be much easier to show you than attempt to explain - And what I have said will be enough to convince you that you can find, for your purpose - some better way -

You once asked me something about the use of two wires to suspend the book over the glue pot - but I find they were only desirable where glue was used hot. In many Demonstrations from I have taken to your method,

Cordially - as ever

Wm. L. Barr

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
Dec 27/91

My dear Mr Deane:-

It has been about
the height of my ambition throughout
the summer season just past to
preserve a serene disposition and
keep out from under the feet of
busy people still having this
worlds work to do. Nothing accom-
plished botanically, absolutely nothing
either afixed or in the study. -
It was not wholly discreditable
nor wholly selfish on my part
- the refraining from any demon-
stration of the vacuity of your
whilom correspondent. Even once
had you asked me for one of
my "old-time" stupid talks I might

have felt in a degree encouraged
to believe that I could satisfy
you on demand -

However I am mending -
progressing - on the up grade - on
what you will - I feel stronger
and more ambitious than I have
for months - I made out a list
of things that had been neglected -
and you may judge for yourself
whether I feel plucky or not when
I tell you that I deliberately chose
the most disagreeable duties to
perform first - and so worked
up - and from the fact that I am
now writing a letter to my good
friend Deane you may safely
conclude that with a comforting
consciousness of having at last
done the things which ought to

have been done (some of them months
ago) I have worked my way
up to the top -

I have furthermore a pleasant
bit of billow work in store for
the leisure that comes to me
after the holidays - nothing less
than three collections from Alaska
to work up - One from the Agricultural
Dept Washington - One from Macom -
the third from Miss Cooley, of Wellesley.
The latter very interesting from the
fact that it was made at 2,000 ft
alt. and I may mention in passing
shows our old friend Salix arctica
Pallas so modified in consequence
that it looks very much as if it
would ultimately be shown to connect
with forms of the Cascades and
Rocky Mts which have heretofore
been referred to O. Brownii Benth

= *S. arctica* (R. Br. not of Pallas). - If the two should have to be united after all it would entangle for good the synonymy - only the species of Pallas (the big leaved thing of the Alaskan coast) would stand for the type and not the arctica of R. Br.

That was a sort of "business" letter I wrote Dr. Watson. He wanted to know something about the root of Parthenium integrifolium and I was obliged to confess that I never had seen it - that I had not seen Parthenium growing any way since I left Fort Townsend - ten or twelve years ago - and that prior to that period when I did do some collecting I had not the benefit of one Walter Dennis stimulating example - By the way did the joke ever get round to you, I wonder, that after your return from Washington - hilarious over your records and extensive acquisition of desiderata you wrote to Huxley about some New England artus

adding "you need not be particular
about the roots" - Some apprehensions
had been entertained before that
your head was a little turned
but this was taken as evidence
conclusive!!

Yes! I did let Synthyris give
me the slip - I find that July and
August is too late for it - I must
get it about here - Such a drought
as we had last summer! Everything
was burned up - I did look at some
miserable plants - quite leafless -
That grass near our Cottage and
was reminded of my promise - and
if I had had my roots about one
I might at least have sent you
the roots - But as it was I let
the whole business go

I am glad to receive such a

good report as to Mrs Seanes health.
Perhaps I could give her some
hints on the avoidance of
overdoing - more particularly in
the matter of letter writing, but
am apprehensive that my advice
might not be regarded as
furnishing a good working method
in the conduct of life -

My warmest regards to you
with and believe me - whether
I write or do not. That I am
Ever your sincere friend
Chas. L. Robinson

DEATH OF MRS. WM. BEBB.

SUCCUMBED TO THE GRIP AT A
 RIPE OLD AGE.

She Was the Wife of Ex-Gov. Wm. Bebb and a Resident of This County for Over 40 Years—A Charitable, Kindly Woman Beloved By All.

Sarah, wife of ex-Governor William Bebb, died at 5:30 Sunday morning, at her home at 530 North Main street, aged 88 years.

The dead woman had been ill for less than a week. Two weeks ago Sunday she observed her 88th birthday, a number of relatives being present. She then seemed to be in the enjoyment of excellent health. Thursday last she was prostrated with an attack of grip, which, at her advanced age, she was unable to combat. It was a consolation to the friends, however, that she passed quietly into the sleep of death and retained her faculties to the last.

The dead woman was born in Butler county, Ohio. Her husband was a successful lawyer and became prominent in politics. In early days he was a whig, and in 1846 was nominated for governor on that ticket and elected by an overwhelming majority. At the close of his term he declined a renomination.

When the republican party was organized he embraced its principles. He was an earnest opponent of slavery, and in Lincoln's campaign stumped Illinois and Indiana.

They removed to this county in 1850, purchasing 5,000 acres of land in Seward and Byron and settling down to pioneer life. This was done because of a desire on the part of Mr. Bebb to lead a more retired life. He was not left entirely alone, however, for in 1852 he was chosen presidential elector on the Scott ticket. In 1869 he removed to Rockford.

Mrs. Bebb's maiden name was Sarah Shuck. She was a woman peculiarly devoted to her home, kindly, charitable and beloved of all who knew her. She was a member of the church of the Christian Union.

Two sons and two daughters survive. The sons are Prof. M. S. Bebb, Edward Bebb and Miss Mary Bebb, of this city, and Mrs. J. P. Reynolds, of Chicago. The latter's husband is director-in-chief of the Illinois commission of the World's fair.

On account of illness in the family, interment will be postponed for a time. There was a brief funeral service at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Dr. Kerr officiating, and the remains were placed in a receiving vault.

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills
Jan 12/92

My dear friend Deane:

I was four days
old on my mother's 80th birthday.
The Sunday after last Christmas
she celebrated her 88th anniversary.
- giving a dinner party to her
children which she not only
personally supervised but ^{she even} prepared
with her own hand a part of the
feast. She seemed to us all
to be unusually vigorous both
in mind and body, for one of
her advanced years. As I went
into the room to meet her I
laughingly said - "Well, mother
I imagine you didn't feel much
like having a birthday party of
your own 58 years ago." She caught

the allusion quick as a flash -
-No, said she - "I can not remember
just what did happen exactly,
58 years ago but I remember
very distinctly what happened four
days before -" and then she gave
me a circumstantial account of the
home life on the day I was born -
My father was at that time
keeping a Boys boarding school
in the country - a school set down
in the midst of social surroundings
such as are well described by
Eggleston in his Novel School
Master - After the excitement of
this birth day gathering, of her
children passed off mother seemed
weaker than usual - but not more
than we should expect as the
natural reaction from the over-
stimulating of both mind and body.
The next Sunday she had a
chill - pneumonia, as it turned
out of an attack of Loe for

and last Sunday morning at
5 A.M. she died - It was the closing
of a long and useful life -
indeed it was only four days preceding
her death in which she seemed to
be the helper of those about her
and became herself helpless - Two
traits in her character were so
predominant as to be at once
recognized by every one with whom
she came into personal relations
First an absolutely unswerving
conscientiousness; second a wonderful
placidity of demeanor! I never saw
her hilarious - I never saw her
prostrated - overcome - by grief and
trouble. I can remember her
distinctly since I was 6 or 7 years
old - I think I could not have
been more than barely in my
teens when the question presented
itself to my mind - which even at
this late day - when the life is

closed - and its long stretch lies
before me in review - much still
remain unexplained - Was this
strange evenness of temper the
result of an obscure but nevertheless
predominating will - or did it come from
the absence of intense sensibility? -
was it self control or the absence of
passion? I was born and brought
up under a rule happily attained
in New England long before your
day that magnified the distance
between parents and children under
the mistaken notion that such reserve
promoted family discipline - Neither
my mother nor myself ever overcame
years of experience of this sort - Time
and time again I have resolved
that when some gladsome occasion
offered I would take my mother in
my arms and swatly her about
the room as I would my wife and
break into ~~shouts~~ smithereens the
miserable old decorum - But alas
when the time came mine was

and the ruling spirit and I quietly
departed myself as a good and
respectful boy! The house on
Main Street will not be "Grandmother"
any more and I shall feel sad to
drop out of life the morning call
to see if anything was wanted from
Tom Town -

It has been a year of
unexpected vicissitudes to me -
Time and again I have congratulated
myself thus as Antoninus says
of his father "I loved to stay in
the same places and to employ
myself about the same things" but
all this has been broken up and
I have had head and hands full
of first one thing and then
another which forced upon me
unusual activities -

I was glad to be remembered

at Christmas time and it was
like you to send me the daily
bulletins while Mr Watson's condition
was such as to fill us all with
grave anxiety - This is the
first letter I have written, except
to the absent children - in weeks
I do hope before long - to get
back where I can tell my
good friends how much I
appreciate their kindness instead
of waiting to have them showered
upon me - day after day - and
gratitude taken on trust.

Ever faithfully yours
W. L. Webb

926 Grant - Ave
Rockford Ills
Jan 17th / 92

My dear Mr Deane:—

I have just received
the late edition of "Pattersons
Check List of the Plants of North
America"—very like the first only
revised to date and with "finding
numbers"—after Durand—added—
What a discouraging publication
it is—so big and most of us
know so little! That it finds
purchasers is evident from the
exhaustion of the first edition
but it seems to me I can
count on my finger, the
herbaria of the United States in
which it would find practical
and full use—Now that we have
taken in the whole Continent I do

wish there might be a reaction
toward the more painstaking study
of local floras - When the first list
of the plants of Gray's Manual was
published that was something that
quite a lot of us could comprehend
in the full sense of the word - And on
the title page was printed "adapted for
indicating desiderata in the exchange
of specimens" That was what it was
for and there was no hesitancy in
saying so - Field botanists and collectors
had not as yet been sneered out of
existence or into some sort of shame
faced covering up of the thing they
really liked to do. - The plants of
Chapman's Flora were soon added and
then the prairie fire broke loose and
swept over the whole country -

As for "finding numbers," in the
average amateur barbarism. They
are an abomination - a crutch
to tempt the amateur aforesaid
to sit himself down into a mere
curator instead of being made a
botanist of very necessity.

Mattie has gone into Chicago
to visit among relations. will
~~not~~ not return till the 18th of
February. The house seems deserted
without her presence - In fact
during school hours wife and I
are quite alone - and at breakfast
and dinner there is only Mattie
and Frank - Recalling the fact
that at this time one year ago
we had regularly at the family
table eight persons - you can get
some idea of the change -

The weather with us - as you may
have learned from the newspapers
has been very steadily cold since
New years days - All day long Jan 1st
it rained - with a slight snow fall
toward evening - following which we
had about a week of moderately cold
weather - thermometer keeping pretty
close about only 20° Fahrenheit

Then as the whole country north of
us cooled down there was a drop to
about zero - say - 10° at night and
plus 10° in the middle of the day -
Yesterday was slightly warmer but we
are promised a return to the old figures
by the night - A thin skin of ice
not thicker than window glass which
formed on the sidewalks on the night
of Jan 1st - has never melted. This
fact - better than anything else
indicates how steadily cold the
weather has been -

I am intending to tackle the
Willows this very week - A very
empty hip-pocket has been entirely
useless for a long time - I do not
anticipate its filling now - but it
may nevertheless -

If you have time tell me what
interests you these days in botany -
- how the herbarium grows &c &c -
Kind regards to Mrs Deane whom I
hope may have long ere this recovered
from her illness -

Ever sincerely

O. Z. B.

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Feb 3rd 1892

My dear Mr Deane: -

I have been fussing
over Willows - my usual winter
occupation - and have really become
quite enthusiastic - It began with
work done in a perfecting way
to discharge obligations to others -
but in the prosecution of these
certain fresh lines of investigation
had to be followed up and these
in the end led to a better under-
standing of some old questions
and aside as unanswerable - Finding
my way clear I was in fine
mood to go on and block out
three or four batches of Willow
notes for the Gazette - It is only
in this way, now, that I can
keep up the pleasant illusion
that I still belong to the fraternity

of working botanists. I envy you
your industry and vim - but after
all this is only relative - Your
Macomber writes that his "hours are
from 8 A. M. till midnight with
an hour off for luncheon and
dinner" (presumably half an hour for
each) I wrote him that he might
work that way, in Germany but
he had better stop right off or he
would get a rap on the head to remind
him that the string could not be
done in this climate.

I wish I could share your
hope and expectation that when
Dr Watsons pulse "goes down he must
improve rapidly" So many cases
have come under my observation
of grippa complicated with pneumonia
in persons past middle life where
recovery has been very slow - if
indeed complete recovery is ever
reached - that I dare not - in any
case feel quite the degree of

assurance which I might have
done before we came to this
painful realization of the wreck
and have both mental and
physical, which the disease has
left in its train. Of course there
are exceptions - in fact no two cases
seem to be alike and our good
friend has on his side the
soundness of mind and body due
to temperate and healthful employ-
ments which must count largely in
his favor -

Yes! Dr Vandy's frames of the
Penthouse is indeed fine - Do you
know I could not help thinking as I
looked at each species with its
analysis of spicules and separate
description on the page facing the
plate how nice it would be to take
the whole book to pieces and distribute
the illustrations in the herbarium -
I am sure that is what I should

do if they were willows. As I wrote
D.V. in acknowledging the receipt of
the book it reminded me pleasantly
of the first gun I ever received
from a botanical friend - which
was a package of grasses - sedges
and Juncaceae - which the good Doctor
sent me when he was living at
Pineywood. (Mc Henry Co. - Northern Ills.)
I had been doing just enough
reminded and alone to fully
appreciate the gift.

Mattie is still visiting in Chicago
and the house is lonesome without
her presence - Mrs B. and the two
boys at home are very well and
as for myself I haven't gone through
a winter as far as February - for
two years past feeling as strong
and like doing things as I do
now - With kind regards to Mrs Dean
I am

Yours sincerely
M. S. Dorr

925 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill
Feb 24 /92

Dear Mr Deane:—

Wife and I have just been celebrating the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of our marriage - All the scattered members of the family that could do so returned to the old home and we have had a very happy family reunion - There was none who was not content with present achievement and hopeful for the future - all were in good health - no little cloud of anxiety not larger than a man's hand that might by sorrowful mischance spread and darken the whole horizon was to be discerned - and thus it came that good spirits were intensified by reverberation - We had all been anxious about Will - for after working his way faithfully to a remunerative position in a bank he had thrown

the whole thing, up because he
found that he would never be
content to make ~~as a~~ banking and
brokerage a life-long work - just as
he was in despair of finding a
place - in fact not knowing just what
place to seek - he received a most
flattering offer of a position as
assistant in the State Laboratory of
Natural History under Prof Forbes - the
work in Entomology - This suddenly
turned what had all along been a
recreation merely - into a bread and
butter occupation - He is very happy
and we all rejoice with him.

My worst fears are confirmed
by your last letter concerning our
good friend D. Watson - but receiving
no Bulletin from you since I
construed into good news - so far as
it leads to the hope that his condition
is better - and perhaps more encouraging
But as you say if he has done his
last work who is there to take his
place? I have just been re-reading
Coulter's Address before Section F. A. S. S.
- Do you like it - or does it with

When ever was systematic Botany
a mere "juggle of names and
sequence" - unless since Mac Millan
and such fellows have turned back
upon it and find delight in doing
nothing but "juggle with names" - I have
heard this charge over and over again -
- it makes me sick at heart to have
or find a man as Coulter reiterate
it, - Not alone in the high places
where it is not really intended to be
lodged but in the very humbler
conceivable it is not true - and no-
body knows this better than Coulter!
- The mere school boy who in spring
time learns to recognize three species
of Ranunculus - sees wherein they differ
as species - and wherein they resemble
each other as belonging to the same
genus has made a creditable start
in Systematic Botany - consciously or
unconsciously he recognizes the fact of
a symproan underlying the objects
of his study - quite different from that
of three different postage stamps in
his album - Now sneer at his
achievement - call him a "bad carrier"

you as it does on the one stir up a
feeling of indignation & resentment?
Does it faithfully give us the
honest sentiments of President Cutler
or does it betray a miserable truckling
to what he knew full well was the
prejudiced opinions of his auditors?
Now do you relish being classed
among "bad carriers" - your interests
in Botany characterized as "ancient
but best treated with courtesy"? and
^{being} compared with "the poor" as something
ever present but to be endured with
as good a grace as possible? In the
days when DeCandolle, Bentham, Hooker
Torrey - Gray, and a host of others were
the recognized leaders in systematic
Botany it was a "corpse" dead
but "not buried" now thanks to the
"rush of work" done by the "life
history" clubs it is being "revivified"
- Being dead why was it never buried
at all - The "life history" fellows had
undertaken too big a job - that's all.

Tell him that he has the earliest symptoms of a "mania" and that at best, if he does his field work in the most creditable way, possible that he is a mere mind-sill. and how much enthusiasm will he continue to feel?

For my own part I have waited and hoped long for a reaction in public sentiment, and I think I ^{or former flinching} ~~begin~~ ^{of the dawn} - ~~begin~~ to see ~~the beginning~~ - I do not care to throw mud balls back in return for all that these "life historians" Chaps have suffered to make stick in a department of botany in which I feel the deepest interest. I have only this to say - You promised much - you have been at work for twenty years - Show us your results! It is something to have the President of Section 7 as spokesman of the whole, admit that although proclaimed dead - and only

falling short of fitting obsequies
because suspicion was abroad
that it might be only a case of
outletting - systematic Botany is
still very much alive, ^{and} destined to
remain so ~~and~~ which being, the
case the best thing to do is to
treat it with courtesy - All rights.
Now fetch along your "courtesy"!

Stop throwing mud - Our Morning
Pioneer of Section 4 says ~~that~~ ^{this}
has only been a freak of "too
exuberant vigor of youth and
the glories in it" but if you
please there will be more peace
in the household if we cease to
exhibit our "courtesy" in that way.

We are having no end of
drizzling skies and mud underfoot -
- very dismal weather - Mattie is
home again - glad of that.

Kindest regards to Mr Deane
Yours as ever
Mrs Babb

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
March 9th/92

My dear Mr Deane:—

I fully appreciate the
attention and can only thank you
that you send me the brief
bulletins - when I know how
many your omis have to write,
Besides you have always been
a model correspondent in not
keeping strict account of obligations
- I fear I should have missed many
a delightful letter if you had
held me always to a strict
rule of "keeping up my end of
the even" and so was a pity if
your friends can not remember
this when you have spare time

is now so absorbed in service, all
alike the other separate spheres which
with these bulletins which who dare
would write or think of writing?
I have only refrained from writing
in reply - or writing ~~any~~ thing -
- because I read in the card before
me March 6th - this is the ~~right~~ - three
more days may elapse before you
read this page - in six days
what may have come! The end
is inevitable and imminent. But
who has the heart to utter one
word of all the questionings and
forecasts that beset the least
- the most humble one - of the
fraternity in which our good
friend was such a notable worker.
Who is there to take his place?

Cordially

Bob

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills
March 13th /92

Dear Mr Deane:—

It received Mrs
Deane's card and President
Eliot's formal announcement in
the same mail — Sunday morning.
It is indeed a sad sad loss. In
one respect more abrupt and final
than the death of Dr Fay even — Any
person who had ever known how
work went on in this room where
both lived their desks — how complete
was the co-operation — how for years
or years the work ~~the work~~ on
either side published under one
name or the other really represented
the judgment of both — knew that
Dr Watson was qualified as no

Other person could be the cause in the
completion the Synoptical Flora - in
the very spirit in which it was
conceived - In the mean it was a
compilation anyway and while
the parts issued by Gray were so
to speak the work of Gray and
Watson - those issued by Watson
must have been the work of
Watson and Gray, - But now the
work ends! It will no more be
finished than the old Flora of
Gray & Gray was ever finished -
- But that I care so very much -
- for over and over again my
cry is not for extent and bulk
but for local Floras and fullness of
detail - If we could have a "Flora
Aestrica" more than fifty years ago
why can't we have something
like it to-day - As I recall all
the work I have done in part

years the form a general herbarium
I envy you your better judgment
in setting your limits to
coincide with Gray's Manual. - If
I were a young man and had
the work to do over again I am
not sure but I would limit
myself to Illinois. - But I would
do any work inside that limit so
effectually. Thus for all time my
herbarium would stand as the
exemplification of what was
known of Illinois plants in my
life time. - However I have got off
on the Willows and can justify my
desire to "Concentrate my efforts
on the native Case" in that way.
I shall await with much interest
the publication of a Manual of

our anticipated friends - I knew Dr
Gray personally, - Watson I only met
once - our friendship had grown out
of correspondence almost entirely, -
Gray was impulsive - communicative -
I did not need to be told much
about his life - Watson - to me at
least - was reserved - and I am very
curious to know something of his
life before he joined the King expedition.
- As Dr Gray said "I want to know
where he had been all the while"
How he came to be prepared to
write that admirable report - &c. &c.

I have gone through this winter
in better health and spirits than
any winter for two or three years
back - and - hoping to meet spring
several degrees higher in physical
vigor than I did last year to build
upon my advantage - and perhaps
to some collecting - Synthyris -
the life of Salix myrsinoides and so on
Cordially Mrs. B. B.

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
March 29th 92

My dear Mr Deane:—

What's the matter?

I—yea wish from I. forgive me to
the front as a returns and
exemplary correspondent while
N. D. the ever prompt is falling
into arrears! Is it stress of
school work preceeding the
Easter vacations—examinations and
all that— or have you with rigorous
and inflexible purpose set
yourself to catch up all hibernian
work before the collecting season
opens. and found as a condition
of success that you must serve
all alike and let letter writing
go!

I have been playing general botanist just a little - or rather I have let the Willows take a rest and have been picking up odds and ends for the season of '91. and mounting the same. A few years ago I found a little *Stellaria* (of which I took only a single specimen) growing on a cold-mossy shore of Lacandade Lake. I suspected at the time its identity but unluckily before I found time after I had returned to books and herbarium to make a careful determination the thing got mislaid. Lately I found it - and it is really - as I thought at first it might be. *Stellaria crassifolia*. Now I am impatient to visit the locality again - and see if I can find more of it.

I had an unexpected and very agreeable surprise Saturday in receiving without previous notification

a collection of Willows from
determination made by parties
sent out by the Agl. Dept to explore
Death Valley, Cal. To come down
from Alaska - line of perpetual
snow - Aleutian Islands - and all
that sort of thing to a place
that is probably as hot a hole
as can be found on the N. Amer.
continent was quite a change -
But the material after all is
very familiar - of the general
desert character of S. Calif for the
basin itself - and the Sierra
Nevada - for the mountains that
surround it

On the outside of my envelope
you will have found a map of
Landerdale Lake. which will give
you a better idea than I have
perhaps hitherto conveyed - of the

irregularity of its shores - This makes
boating a great pleasure - For
every ten minutes the view is
quite changed - if you are moving
- The photo. I sent last Christmas
represents the view from Beloit
Island looking southward - The
most distant line of timber seen
in the picture being Wilkinsons
Forest - That in the mid distance
seen on the right being Carswells Park
But don't let these high sounding
names mislead - The lake is simply
as yet a place where some of us can
go and find a quiet that does
not prevail around lakes not so
very far from us - 10-12 miles -
Delavan, Geneva &c which are overrun
by Chicago people - A class characterized
by one neighbors servant as - "them
as has riggers" - If this is not the
bottom of my 4th page - and I
only intended to write two pages and
to call your attention to the fact

~~This~~ I was alarmed w^{ch} you advise explanation of some persons
if before entering on many other points - Considerably better

926 Grant Ave
O Rockford Ills
April 14th 92

My dear Mr Deane:—

It is now often
that one is driven indoors at
this season of the year by such
inclement weather: a chilly
northeast wind blowing before it
a mixture of snow, sleet and rain.
The poor crocuses in the border under
my window look decidedly discouraged.
A chance for what the author of
my farm of Edgewood called "wet weather
work" which in the present instance
shall be looking over your friend
Mrs Churchill's Willows—pen in hand

1. Salix discolor, Muhl., ♂
- 2 " " ♀
- 3 " rostrata, Richardson
- 4 " " "
- 5- I think this is a hybrid Salix

Cordata x *sericea* - but a form near
Cordata - It is not very safe sailing
in determining staminate hybrids -
Among Willows as among the members
of higher social groups the female
is depended upon to establish the
status of the pair - the male being
of less account but making more
show - I'm afraid my intuition is
breaking down on this last figure
so the come from the plain science - I
had done at Frontenac a staminate
S. petolaris x *Cordata* - which in many
ways was so much like this plant
that I am led to believe that the
living plants would show more clearly
the intermediate character than do
these detached specimens -

6 *S. discolor* Muhl. Form with very
large aments -

7 *S. Cordata*, Muhl.

8 *S. Cordata* x *sericea* No question
about this!

- 9 S. sericea Marsh
10. S. cordata, Michx
11. S. pastrata, Rich
12. S. humilis Marsh? abnormal
13. S. pastrata Rich

I believe the above determinations will all stand criticism unless there may be some doubt about No 5- By comparing the living plant with forms of cordata and sericea growing in the same locality Mr Churchill might - I doubt not - reach a more satisfactory decision - than I feel justified in making from the specimens before me -

If your friend can reach No 8 without great inconvenience I should be glad to have cuttings for cultivation, (I don't get over my old desire to see these odd things growing even if I am restricted in my gardening operations to a city lot)

Cuttings may be 8 in long - Taken
from the base of year-old shoots
(so as to get leaf buds and avoid the
flower buds of the upper portions).

-4-6 cuttings simply to multiply
chances of success - wrapped in a
little paper such as you use over
butter &c or any imperious material
- with a muslin outside wrapping
for the address &c - For a short journey
at this season - no moisture in the
shape of damp moss or its equivalent
need be used - But I do not have your
friend's brother if he has little
leisure at command and the bush
is far off.

"My *herbarium* is in perfect shape
- 1500 sheets have entered it since last
May 1st. Everything is mounted and
distributed with almost no exception - My
duplicates - between 700 & 800 specimens are all
in perfect order - You do not say that
you have a card index a-la-Parce
also in perfect order - and on

corresponding Index Rerum for
all current botanical literature
relating to your special field
with also a box with a slot
a-la-DeCandolle into which to
drop all notes made while the
matter was fresh in mind - to be
distributed when opportunity offered -
- You don't say this - but I am
prepared for most anything -
Well I did keep things up "once
upon a time" myself but two or
three untoward circumstances got me
so hopelessly behind hand that I
never caught up -

So you go to Gaffney again
- Well you must remember me for
a series of Solidago rigida arica
and allied forms - If I keep
reasonably well I promise you I will
not drop letter writing as I did
last summer - It is too soon

to make predictions with any
degree of assurance And throughout
the entire N. West there is certainly
at this time the prospect that we
may escape this season the
excessive droughts which have been
so trying for five years past.
- If so I may find some Astors
here more worth taking for
specimens - It has really been
not altogether my own fault that
I have done so little collecting -
- The plants to begin with were
not to be had in decent shape
for herbarium specimens - Astors
and Solidagines especially ^{with} just a
few half stunted tufts of blossoms
surmounting a tall stem from
which hung dead and brown the
remains of what few leaves the
plant ever did possess -

Cordially yours

M. L. Dorr

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
April 28th 1912

Dear Mr Deane

I received yesterday
yours of the 24th and to-day
the cuttings - Please accept
for yourself and convey the
greetings from Churchill my
sincere thanks - The cuttings
were as fresh and bright when
opened as on the day you
packed them - As both Salix
cordata and S sericea are very
easily grown from cuttings, and
the hybrid if anything still
easier I have no fears but
what out of all I will get
what I desire - a good thrifty
bush. There is no book in

my little botanical library that
I enjoy more than I do the
Flora Cestriæ ed of '37. I could
wish that yours was of this
imprint but from the fact
that Dr Watson in his Index
quotes the ed of '33 I fear
otherwise. The first is a dawning
book with its old Linnean manuscript
- detailed and picturesque - full and
methodical descriptions and notes
and observations on the then
interesting questions of identity &c
The ed of '53 is a poor affair in
comparison - clipped and trimmed
the scrubby frays Manual which had
appeared ad-interim - emasculated -
- almost all the delightful personal
flavor gone. I have avoided
using the second edition - because
I believe that Durlington himself

and many others counted the
"Florula Cestricea" the 1st ed - making
the Florula Cestricea of '37 = ed 2 and
the last, ed 3 -

We have had a cheerless
monotony of leaden skies and
cold north east winds all through
April so far - Things came up
green three weeks ago - then,
have turned purple since but
have not given a particle -
Peas are so on in the kitchen
garden - got their heads above
ground but only concluded to
stop there and wait for
warmer weather -

^{now} I would have been wise
to heed my friends advice
and gone South in March the
most advancing spring - But

I had got through the winter
so comfortably and it seemed
as if it were only a matter
of a few days when we would
have "balmy spring" - possibly
summer "come with a bound"
Instead of that April has been
the most miserable month
of the cold season -

I congratulate you that your
44 years does not count against
youthfulness of spirit - I had
not thought of your being
"44" anyway - by any sort of
count -

Mattie is very well - she says
"I will write from Landerdale
sometime" - An agreeable thought to
me for somehow with all my
good resolutions I do get awfully
lazy and selfish up there and she
may help me out a bit -
Kindest regards to Mrs Deane

Cordially
John

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill
May 13 192

Dear Mr Deane.

I had not heard of
Prof Baileys critical condition
before your letter which at
the same times bears the
good news of a successful
operation. How strangely
familiar the word appendicitis
has become within a year or
two - Less than a month ago
a boy was operated upon in
our own hospital here in R -
successfully - An orange seed
was the exciting cause of irritation

At first I wrote Mr Morton
that while I thoroughly sympathized

with those who were seeking to
improve the character of Robinson
specimens - and while I come
gladly now, 23rd of July for
the satisfaction of reading the
list of approved members -
I felt that it might be not
altogether right for me to allow
my name to appear among them
as I certainly could no longer
lay claim to recognition as an
active collector. Later I thought
I would go on if only for the
sake of "honorable mention" -
- but had I known that the list
would be so short and the
individual names so conspicuous
on this account I would not have
done so - There must be in
the very nature of the case - a

difficulty in specifying what
is really first class material -
In not a few instances what
Mr M. calls a perfect specimen
is only obtained after years of
patient accumulation in the
herbarium - though ~~in~~ ^{with} the majority
of plants specimens exhibiting
the totality of characters for the
species may be collected for
distribution with some pains-
taking - For my own part I am
always content with really good
material which in part at least
contributes to the perfect herb.
illustration, I had splendid leaves
of Sarracenia flava for ten
years before I ever received the
flower - and when a good

friend I send me a flower only
he was profuse in his reports
that he could not visit the
locality in season for good
leaves! The two further, I give
me a perfect specimen - No!
Come to think of it I have not
either root or fruit - and if I
were to extend my idea of
"perfection" to the measure of your
own showing of Parracenia
purpurea - about which you wrote
me years ago - I should be in
despair!

"Mustering" upon us! I can not
conceive of weather more like
what we imagine they have in
England than that which has
hung over us for months -
And my leaves! I wish you could

see it - such a velvety surface
and intense emerald green!
The only shrub in full bloom
is *Pyrus japonica* - The Tartarian
Honeysuckles and *Spiraea Van
Houttei* - rival in verdure the
the lawn - It seemed as if
that most charming of early spring
flowers Scilla Siberica would never
come blossoming - A single hot
day would have ended it up but
the day has not come yet and
so it has kept on and on - I
know a little now what it is
that makes the Englishman and
an enthusiastic gardener - Every
shrub he sets out grows - a dry spell
does not come to kill it - His
tulips and hyacinths last twice
as long as they do ordinarily in

This country - he don't have the
surface of his garden brick road
one day and sun dried bricks the
next - Ah, well you cut a he
must raise his structures under
glass and what not else must
be forego which, are sunny.
and summer skins give us no
compensation.

You ought not to have been as
the trouble and expense of returning
by itself that Barratt lot of mine -
You could have sent it any time
- with holidays permitted for instance
I fancy you are getting things
all snuggled up - arranged in
apple pie order.

I mark No 8 of the list of your
Dupe Pamphlets - hitherto returned - Others
I either am fortunate enough to possess
already - or else as in the case of No 10
they are somewhat out of my time and would
be better appreciated by some other correspondent.
Many thanks for the privilege of
making this selection.
Cordially yours
Miss Beth

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills

June 12th 1922

My dear friend Sam

I want to write you
an omnibus letter of thanks for
late favors - let us be contented
to include all and singular -
of things to be mentioned and
things that may be overlooked
just now - And which are safely
stowed away for future attention
- If of reading matter - including
your Under Tribute to Bayard
- deferred upon it, it has gone into
a trunk marked Sunderland Lakes
- if letters. let me say that the
warmth of the reception must
not be measured by the tardiness
of reply - Yes I recd your "notice
of Dr Watson" as you modestly term

it - and am ashamed of myself for
failing to express my thanks -
I had read it - of course - in the
Bulletin - but, am sure this less
had to leave it separate - But
after all how little - than of you
who were known Watson for years
and years - Deane - Carter - Sargent
- Brewer - have to tell me - who only
knew him personally through a single
brief visit of a few days - with years
of correspondence superadded - I expected
more and you have all but little
to tell me that I did not know before -
- Some one of you ought to have
brought in Dr Torrey's exclamation when
he saw an early copy of the King Ex
Rep. at Cambridge - "Where have you
been all these years?" - Tell you
did tell us that - but somehow it
does not seem to belong to Watson -

I've no doubt you gave that
Bot. Club of Harvard much - some
good ideas - and a deal of good
inspiration - and a practical

exhibit of good work. - And yet
I have a mind to lecture the
lecturer - What can I have you for
a thin box? and moreover what
but misshapen results come from
making a woman's frame for a
portfolio - which according to my
ideas ought to be superfluous!
- But I would have given a cookie
to see 50 of your choice sheets -
hung up on a line -

Kindly and truly I have
been as busy as a teacher in
a Latin School three weeks before
Commencement examinations -
- Mrs B. has gone to Stina [at
Dorchester N. Y.] where there is a
very young Miss Margaret Mason,
Mother and child both dying

remarkably well - Mattie is our
housekeeper - and a capital one
she is too!

We are having some fine
weather at last - air pure - full
of ozone - raining. I am so
thankful to escape at last from
a monotony of East winds and
"Scotch mist."

Bob very enthusiastic to turn out -
- seem to belong to "a class of botanists
just passing away" and the thought
is not inspiring - As ~~Bob~~ says
"the bulletin seems to be given
over to the nomenclature and
the Gazette to the life-history, &c." ^{chaps}
But I will do some collecting up
at Lauderdale - That is a pleasant
always - pure and simple -

Cordially as ever
M. S. Peck

Landendale, Wis.
July 16th / 92

My dear Mr Deane!—

It's come up here
a week ago to-day, and already
things are so settled in their
places that it seems as if we
had been living here right along
since last summer. For my
own part I was loath to leave
Rockford quite so soon. There
had been no weather to provoke
a hankering after lake-side
cottage life and goodness knows
we had had enough of water
this spring and the care for a
further intimacy. But the children
were unfortunate and I could
assign no other reason for wishing
to stay except that I wanted to
look after the garden and enjoy
the Sweet Peas that were just coming.

into blossom - I have done a
little collecting, but it is scarcely
worth mentioning only as an earnest
of better to come - I have been
trying to make some good specimens
of our Western Pandoily but it is a
difficult subject. The petals - like the
leaves - have one surface from which
the moisture escapes readily and the
other almost as impervious as if
varnished - It follows that where the
petals lie thickly exposed near the
center they dry very slowly and as a
consequence discolor - I have also
gathered some Carex tribuloides var
Bobbis - partly because it is almost the
only Carex that has not gone by - partly
no fault for its names sake - Barbery
says of this "common throughout" but
I have never received it from any
locality east of Michigan (D. Clarke)
From Mich. westward it is indeed
common and looking afire - more so
than in the herbarium - like a good
species - If you have this from the
Eastern states please remember me
for a specimen - and I will fill the
necessity thus made in your duplicate

Rest. by specimens from Sunderland etc.
There must ^{be} great social or other
improvements to carry you to a
region where the flora has been
so thoroughly explored that a
botanist and an enthusiastic
collector like yourself is reduced
to "circling about in front of the
house" on a bicycle for exercise!
On the "streets of Cambridge" I
should not have been "enforced".

With W. W. Bailey I have
had occasional correspondence
for years but I have never met
him - Mattie says that his
wife and children are "lovely".

Cratty sends me, some time
ago a plant for identification
which he said he "couldn't even
guess at" - It was nothing, less
than Carex arthrocephala! He is in
hopes to get more of it this
season - I had a few meagre

specimens - including some from
the original collections of Kneass
and Vasey - but all bunched together
and dusted five times over they
and did not have equalled Cratty's one
specimen -

I did a little piece of botan. ^{all} work ^{and} ^{or} ^{was} ^{work} ^{for} ^I ^{was}
driven to it - just before I came
away from library and herbarium
viz. reporting on the Willows of the
Death Valley Expedition - I have
been thinking for sometime that
should have to knock Salix Californica
out in the head and Corvilles
specimens from the Sierra Nevada
finished the business - S. Barclayi
Anders. as now understood runs a
range from Alaska southward along the
Cascades & Sierra Nevada to California and
presents another of those problems - species
which is more just as reasonable
to call three or four as one - for even
this one presents an almost unbroken
transition from S. cordata to S. ^{glauca} ~~parvula~~
I imagine I never so much as once thought
ten years ago that S. Californica ought be only
variety of species which as then known was

Bellevue Bell
Cascades
Sierra Nevada
California

Lancasterdale, N.Y.

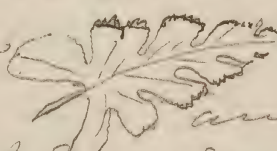
Aug 4 1892

My dear Mr Deane:—

I write in reply
to yours of July 25th with no
other notion I fear but that,
at bottom, selfish one of placing
myself once more in position
to look for another letter
from the same hand when
we take our usual evening
row around to the P.O. to get
our mail. We usually, have
an early supper - or take dinner
at half past five - about six we
all get into that familiar boat
whereof I wrote so much four
or five years ago - and row
slowly around the store and
mill - get our mail and perhaps
a few stores - let one of the boys

out "to go for milk" and then
spend the cool of the evening on
the water.

My specimens of *Carex Botteri*
are good and I will send you
a supply for your duplicate herb.
But the White Water Lily was such
a miserable failure that I threw
the seedlings thereof away -
I intended to show you how large
our western species *flex* grows
under favorable conditions - I
honestly do not exaggerate when
I say that the tips of the petals
would have reached across this
sheet. But alas the centres of
the flaves actually decayed
from moisture that could find
no escape. I know now how I
might have (possibly) obviated the
difficulty - but such exceptionally
large blooms are only produced
very early in the season -
My only find of what may be

a plant of interest is a
Nepenthes adorned with prominently
lobed leaves. All the leaves
from the same root were
similar to the change from the
normal form was not the result
of a fungus attack - as it first
struck me as being. The
leaves are narrow - and the
edges were curled up - something
like this  - Do you
even see anything of the
kind? - I do not recall any
mention of such a sport in our
common yellow pond lily - and
I have sowed through acres of it
here in the Cascade Lake
without ever having myself
seen the like before - or indeed
any approach to it.

Dr. Glatfelter of St. Louis for
an idea - a few years ago. That he

could discriminate the species of
Billow by the veining of the leaves
I was glad to help him - to the
extent of my ability - but have had
no faith in the practicability of
this scheme from the start. He has
however been assiduous in his
efforts - helped financially on which
I think by Ogden - and has
certainly produced some exquisite
photographs of which I enclose
samples for your inspection - I
am certain he is the same true
elaborate - illustrating the species of
Long Man - in a forthcoming
publication of the Shaw School of
Botany.

Your escape when that ledge
of rock fell was indeed a narrow
one - Come out here and see, the
climb over the round knots of drift
left by the last Green Bay glacier
and I can at least assure you
that you will place yourself in
no such danger -

Remember your promise to
write Fred during your vacation
kindly, Both

Landersdale N.S.W.

Aug 11th 1892

My dear Mr Deane:-

There is so much in
your last letter to call for the
reply I am led to talk back
instantly. Whether I will "return
to salix work" the next winter
is every summer a question
that grows more and more doubt-
ful with ^{each} its annual recurrence.
Just at present I seem to have
sunk into a state of absolute
apathy at least so far as the
kind of botany represented by
the Bulletin and Gazette is
concerned. It is not that "the
Bulletin makes me swear and
the Gazette alas puts me to
sleep" - I simply don't care -
they neither of them arouse

any feeling of worth or induce
a tendency to somnolence -
I cut the paper listless by -
read almost nothing and wonder
if it is all that I am growing
old - or whether I belong to a
generation of botanists fast
passing away" and feel
lonesome accordingly - or what is
the matter - I was wont in
days gone by to covet the
distinction of being recognized
in however obscure a way
as a botanist - Has the title
become cheapened or is it all
in my way of looking at the
matter - That somehow the Experiment
Station business seems commonplace,
Something must be said or done
to represent claims to salary
received - and in frantic efforts
to make this something strikingly
original - or apparently, of great

on my value - dollar for dollar -
- what stacks of stuff is published,
But enough - I promised myself
when I started this bad sentence
that I would stop with this page -

Yes! The willow slips you
sent me were growing nicely
when I left home. They are
the easiest things in the whole
range of horticulture and the
straw - Late this fall after the
wood is thoroughly ripened and the
leaves have fallen let your
men select vigorous shoots of
the years growth - cut them into
lengths of about 10 in each - plant
8 in deep - firm the earth well
about the base of the cutting -
He can either bury his cuttings
and set next spring - or set before
the ground freezes and throw some
litter over the bed - I have usually
planted in spring with good success

and have prepared to grow the cuttings in a nursery row the first season - selecting then the most vigorous plants - one year, etc. - for planting out - discarding the others - Keep the soil mellow about the young trees for a year or two and these small vigorous kinds as *A. fragilis* will shift for themselves -

I do not see how corrosive sublimate would help in case of the very large water lilies - The difficulty is very much what it would be were you to attempt to dry out a pile of alternate layers of vegetable tissue and rubber film. Either I must dry the flower in sections - marking them so that I could rejoin superimpose the ^{upper to under} ~~layers~~ in proper order - or I must slip some kind of thin driers in between the petals and change them as often as I do the regular driers - or possibly the application of heat might abate the difficulty - I

when I grew up - Havelock's "Boys Town"
it was - more enthusiastic kite
fliers - and I have been often
called upon to revive some long
forgotten skill in that direction
to help out my boys -

Yes! we had a fine view
from the evening of the 4th
- It was amusing to read the Chicago
daily papers of the morning of the
5th - Each and every one felt they
would say something or other
themself "scooped" and the something
which the carnage reporter wrote
from his "inner consciousness" was
capital summer reading - A
sensation - better than Punch or
Judge or Puck - But the extraordinary
aura of a few weeks ago -
phenomenal in its splendor, we
all slept through - Our cottage is
surrounded by trees and it so
happened we all went to bed early
We did witness however only a
few evenings since a singular
phenomenon - at least it was new
to me and I am nearly sixty years old

Have never tried either —

I was interested to find that the
valley of that "Lone Willow spring"
an object receiving frequent
mention in descriptions of the
desolation of Death Valley was
Salix laevigata. The first we
saw had the good luck to turn
up in -

If you had had that famous kite of yours here some time in the last three days you might have had in it what I left it up - tied the string to tree and saved an hours labor pulling it in and winding the string. It has been one steady blow - blow - blow - till I got tired of the monotonous rustle of the leaves and beat of the waves on the shore. That I was ready to accept anything the weather bureau had to offer any more of change - The boys in the town

Landersdale, Wis.

Aug 24 / 92

Dear Mr Deane: -

The "break camp"
day after tomorrow - Two days
this and the next - were to have
been given to packing up but
it is raining a steady pour
down - so while Mrs D and Mattie
are carrying out their share of
the provisions within doors I
am perforce at leisure - There
will be time enough tomorrow
to put up the shutters - get in the
boats &c. This is the first season
since we began coming here
five years ago - that we ~~have~~ ^{will}
return ~~to~~ the Prospect without
an excessive drought having
despoiled our garden of all its
beauty - I must tell you how
it runs with D Glatfelter and I

Salix myostellandae. He wrote me
last spring that he intended to
do all his work over again
with better material and asked
me to help him to fresh locuses
of all the Willows which he himself
did not find in the vicinity of
St Louis - I send him S. planophylla from
Rockford and promised from
Lancaster - as soon as I should get
them S. discolor - petiolaris - canadensis -
rostrata and one, talladensis - I then
referred him to Bailey of Brown
for S. tristis (good typical tristis
around Providence) Bailey of Cornell
for one or two ^{others} ~~from~~ ^{from the White Mts} other species - Hall
of Copenhagen for S. adumphyi etc -
I was able to fulfill my promise
in a very satisfactory exhibiting
as regards S. myostellandae - This
I found when I got here - in
the baggage of the Georgia
sherry endorsed on a note
which he had been unable
to serve - "now comatibus in swamps"

in fact my locality was
completely submerged - I so informed
D & G, and told him he had better
not depend upon my getting the
plant. A few days later
while exploring another bog
in search of Epilobium molle
(I do not recall the Muhlenbergian
name) I stumbled unexpectedly
upon a nice lot of my tellands
and sent D & G specimens. They
were enroute to St Louis within
two hours from the time I had
discovered the plant. I doubt
not he had them in hand
before his letter reached you.

Regarding the associations - frays
than says of the submerged
leaves of Asplen adnata - "seldom
present" - I wonder ^{if} it would not
be a truer statement to say
seldom observed - They are present
only in the early part of the

season and some decay - I saw
them here a few years ago
beautifully developed but was
not prepared at that time to
preserve specimens - this summer
in July, I was too late - When
I had noticed them particularly,
the water was only about three
feet deep and they formed a
most beautiful flower-like rosette
out of the centre of which sprang
the long stems of the floating
leaves.

I particularly desire a
good instructive series of your
Mound rock Solidagors - I ~~think~~
you offered to send me L.
Virga aurea but I think (though
I can not feel too sure) that the
promise has gone the way of
my own ancient Syntherisma ~~Neurophthalma~~
- The plant "that J.C. Porter changes the
name of" I trace from the
locality mentioned in Gray Man-
's "Base of the White Mts" but not

so far as I remember from
elsewhere -

I took all the Epilobium
maile that I could find -
about a dozen plants - Will
send you mine for your
duplicate herbarium.

The following is further
an "old joke" near home
but was new, a few days
ago - to the campers on the
shores of Sand Lake -

Word
John
Mass.

Name and P.O. address -

Cordially as ever
Wm. S. Bith

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Oct 13th /92

Dear Mr Deane:-

I set out about
three weeks ago to make a Tour
of duty and pleasure visiting
the families of my older
children established in an about
Chicago. I put in my coat
pocket two manuscript letters
of yours thinking I might find
an opportunity to write while
away. But the letters came
back with me last Saturday -
chances for letter writing having
proved a vain delusion. I
had scarcely a moment to my self
for between the weightier schemes

for my entertainment the grand
children took good care to get
in plenty of chucking (I'm not
sure that that word is in the dictionary
and may not be understood by
an eastern man - In the early settle-
ments of the west the spaces between
logs ^{in building a cabin} were filled up with small blocks
and wood called "chuck and daubing"
I almost smile at myself to think
I should ^{have} used the word metaphorically
in speaking of my grand children -
it was familiar enough to me
fifty years ago! - Robert and
Arthur took me one day down to
Lake Co Indiana - an excursion to
the Pine Barrens and sand dunes of
the south end of Lake Michigan. The
flora of the region was made
familiar long ago by the capital
collections of my old friend
Babcock ^{Mr} and the season was so
late that though I wasn't prepared

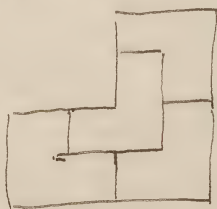
to collect if anything worthy turned
up I came back with an empty
pocket. But we had a splendid
day in the woods - and a camp
dinner - with sweet potatoes, corn &c
roasted in hot sand. A few weeks
before Rob had performed one
collecting feat such as I never
had a chance to achieve, -
without moving from his tracks
he gathered five species of
Utricularia in bloom! Only
a cornucopia was left when we
visited this locality, together, but
this so plentiful that we gathered
it by the handful to carry back
to city friends.

Of course I saw the Woods
Fair buildings, and they are
truly splendid - You read of their
being only a framework of wood

and was covered with stuffs but
you are amazed to find how
very solid and substantial they
appear! But it was a relief
in the midst of so much architect-
tural splendor to rest the eye
upon the shores of the Wooded
Island. It must have taken
barge load after barge load of
indigenes to do the job
but the result is most satisfactory.
The planting is artistic, admirable -
Asters - Cereopsis - Sedges, &c. making up
for all the world just such a
show as a Botanist might delight
to come upon in wild nature.

Our autumn has been a most
remarkable one - We have had
no frost at all until last Sunday
morning when there was a pretty
decided display of white - but so
hardened was all vegetation

become by the gradual reduction
of temperature that even tender
things like tomatoes, morning
glories - Camass &c had only the
growing tips singed and today
the morning glories are still blooming
while the "nasturtiums" are a
mass of brilliant color -



"Don't think me so brilliant as
to guess it right off. I knew it
before"

It was a little strange
that you should meet my wife's
sister at Jaffrey - but the
two are as unlike - in every
way - as can be. One of them

striking contrasts. Common
enough in families and about
which people are forever wondering.

It is very dry here - no rain
for weeks - and the ground in the
garden as dry and hard as a
sun dried brick. As soon as there
comes a good rain I shall have
some gardening to do. - Though I
detest October gardening and only
do it because I know that next
spring I may regret very much
my negligence if the proper thing
is not accomplished at the proper
time. - When the ground freezes
up then usually comes my time
for closed potting.

Cordially as ever

W. L. Webb

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Dec 7th 92

My dear friend Deane:—

I am to go south to the mountains of Georgia immediately after the holidays. The trip is not at all to my liking and I feel blue over the prospect of being absent from home for months. In gathering up trifles that need attention before I go I send you in the same mail with this a few specimens of Pacep. tribuloides from near Bobbie Bailey. I am ashamed to send them without roots but the circumstances under which the collection was made precluded anything more than cutting, under water and, among a dense growth of other sedges. I also include another specimen of

Epilobium strictum Muhl. I wonder
if I will ever see again the
abundant growth of this which
first attracted my attention:

Finally two small flowering
specimens of Synthyris Pennsylvanica
for the getting of which no great
credit is due. It happened thus.
Last spring I was down on my knees
planting out a lot of little Geraniums
when I heard a lady's voice call - "Mr
Bott is your wife at home"? - she
was not. "Then won't you come and
take a little ride with us? The
basket full of unplanted Geraniums
went under a Norway Fir in the
shade and when my wife came home
she found me missing - I tell me
men driving along up the river road
when all at once I espied these two
little plants. I explained to my
friend why I wished to stop and
set them adding that though I

knew of a locality where I thought
I could get more I had better make
sure of these. So that is the way
you come to have just on
beginning of a show for Synthyria
Knaptoniana - Later in the season
the leaves are larger and firmer
in texture - the stems lengthen to
a foot or more ^{where} in fruit, and it
is possible to dry the plant so
that it blackens but very little.
I am still hoping to send you a
good herbarium exhibit of the
species in toto -

We have been having dismal
weather for a month past. dull
leadens skies through which the sun
scarcely ever breaks - an atmosphere
saturated with moisture often heavy
with fog and coal smoke - a
slippery snow under foot which

melts into slush and stays. never
quite melting into water and
running away. It is rather unusual
for us in this region. Though
last spring we had weeks and
weeks just like it. I am obliged
to acknowledge that from feeling
better and stronger last fall than
I have anytime in recent years
I am perceptibly feeling the effects
of unable to resist the depressing
influences of the weather. It
remains to be seen what effect
the change to a warmer climate
will have.

Kauai! I was reserving this
space for a graceful word note
but the postman knocked. (That is
not a figure of speech one really comes
on old fashioned knockers on one point)
and I found he had left me
1st a letter to mother from Will

2^d a letter to Mattie from Art and
3^d a letter to me from you - Isn't
it a curious coincidence that it
should have come while I was
writing - Do you know I almost
envy you your enthusiasm. It makes
me think of the days when no
amateur was more industrious and
pursueing than I myself in accumu-
lating Botanical Treasures - and it
also brings home with just a touch
of ^{sting} regret the fact I have given
up - or given out - fallen behind -
your spatula or what so ever charac-
terization the case may call for. But
I like to read how your barbarians
grow even if my own have come to
a stand still. Did Egbert send you his
new Parthenium? I should suppose the
seed and yet it would naturally be the
first plant you would mention of the seed
you so - I lately received it from
Dr. Glatfelter and was rather surprised to
find the plant apparently more unlike

P. integrifolium. in other ways than the difference of root growth. than I had expected to see in -

I have rec'd a charming letter from Dr Robinson "sincerely hoping that the friendly relations which have existed between [myself] and the Gen. Kew Barbary in the past may be continued under its new management" - to which I could make most hearty response! How much I would like to do - if I only could!

I thank both E. Hall and Pattersen for the make specimens - about the best service I take in which I ever rendered the cause of botanical science. I should like to tell you about Hall. He was a queer chap and no mistake!

Don't talk about not coming, next summer. Rediculous! - "Suppose that I were disappointed in your ^{only} friend" - S. P. W. I submit that such a supposition gives beyond rediculous and after trying to think of some expression the ease my mind must abandon the matter as wholly beyond my incapability of what our artist friends call "satisfactory treatment". I fear you and Mrs Deane will do just what I did and I did at the

time of the Philadelphia Centennial -
- discuss and debate and decide and
withdraw our decision - settle down to
a firm conviction that all things
considered we just could not and there
was no use talking about the matter
any further and at last - f. d. - and
he glad we did ever after. And as
for the fearful possibility of shattered
ideals in case you and I should meet
- and not forgetting your experience
with Mr. - what's his name - of
Circumlocution - Lloyd. Oh yes not
forgetting Lloyd. I still feel as though
I should like about all things to
put the matter to the test. I should
want to forearm you in big bold
letters that your western friend was
an old bronchitic - close on 60 years
of age - just so that the "appearance
in the form" as one Spiritualist
brother put it might not be

too much of a shock and after
that I don't doubt we could soon
come to be boys together. You
can not imagine how much it made
me feel when some of the younger
members of the Botanical fraternity
begun to write me in a very
respectful tone becoming the difference
in years. Fact is I can't quite
getch the dignity of the grand
senior. Even if I were to try - I
should only make a fool of myself.

Mattie is visiting an old school
friend on the East side today. will
be there to dinner. But I do not need
to consult her wishes before assuming
you that she would be a very
happy girl to have a letter from
you. We are all well and still
hope to see Mr & Mrs Deane next
summer!

Cordially as ever

W. L. Bell

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Dec 22/94

My dear friend Deane:-

I inclose a triple -
just as a token of remembrance
- nothing more - And I shall
not even pretend to write a
letter - My day when I get
shut in by a rain storm
down south I will get even
with you -

Wishing you and all
all that are nearest and
dearest to you a Merry
Christmas and a happy new
year I remain as ever
fraternally yours
M. S. Bell

926 Grand Ave

Rockford Ills.

Jan'y 5th / 93

My dear Mr Deane:—

Mattie bade us
good-bye yesterday. She would stay
over last night with her sister
and leave Chicago this A. M. on
the "Boston Special" arriving in
Albany the morrow morning—where
Robert will meet her.

It is now my turn to get a
trunk down from the store room
and begin packing! I plan to go
into Chicago sometime next week—
visit a few days with the friends
there and leave for the south
Monday Jan 16th at 4 P. M. arriving
at Atlanta 7 P. M. the next day,
via the "Evansville Route". This is
the most direct route to Nashville
from Chicago. Returning I hope to
be able to follow Spring northward
and to loiter a bit on the way
revisiting my boyhood home near
Cincinnati. I think I have told

you that the place where I am to
stay is a little town on the South-
East side of the Blue Ridge about
50 miles south of the point where
N. Carolina, S. Carolina and Georgia
"Corner" - I can tell you more about it
a few weeks hence. I may be able
to do a little collecting toward the
close of my sojourn - and I even
indulge in visions of such verdant
growth of Mosses that I may be
led to revive an old time interest
in these pretty little plants.

With a blizzard howling around
the house this morning my wife
urges me to hasten my departure
for a more congenial climate - But
after all it is only the long
confinement within doors which
thus hitherto broken me down before
the return of spring - Assured of
a chance to escape anytime I
choose I can very comfortably
sit by my fire in a warm room
and let old Boreas rage if he
will! Besides as I can not well

afford to be gone longer than
three months every week taken off of
this and and added on to the
other is a gain

I wish I had something
of botanical interest to write about
and to redeem two pages of personal-
ities but I have not mounted a
single specimen this winter - not
skated up a single Willow capsule -
and things said by the Experiments
Station Chaps which a few years
ago might have aroused a more
or less indignant (and I may as
well add impotent) protest are
now let pass as matters of no
concern - I know it is all very new
mood and nothing more - The work
goes bravely on at the Gray Herbarium
Round across the way, opening, before
him to the completion of his Flora
of New South - the fellows that "compro-
mised" everything so beautifully at
Richester - surely they are happy!
So what's the use? I want to keep
"gagging away" after the old
fashioned style and our two

monthlies irritate me - one by its
interminable party-anstake - the other by
being so wondrous wise that I
have really given up all hope
of understanding it - I do wish we
had some botanical journal a
little after the scope let us say of
Hardwicks Science Gossip - only
botanical exclusively and not
designed in any way shape or manner
to pose for foreign approval - Where
the small fry - "outers" "rod carriers" -
could, if they wished, report some happy
find and not be cast down by having
their little note quite overshadowed
by a Monograph of the Gastromy-
cetes of New Guinea, by Herr. Prof
Hask-nicht. We have, as it seems to
me, no journal which meets the
wants ~~which~~ ^{that} led primarily to the
establishment of the Gazette - No
paper of "Botanical Notes" - As for
the other stuff I can get all I want
of it for the mere asking - or at any
rate in the Proceedings of Scientific - ^{Academy}
- where it belongs, Cordially Both

Habersham Co.

Demorest, Ga.

Jan 26th /93

Dear Mr Deane: -

I received your last kind "good bye" letter just as I was leaving Rockford - In fact I had left my own door but encountered the postman on my way to the depot. If some sort of unconscious telepathic communication was only a common experience you would have known at once my heart felt response - Unfortunately our more generous feelings are still dependent for expression on a blundering or dictatory pen. This is the first letter I have written from home except the wife and children.

I left Chicago Monday evening Jan 16th - The train was due at Nashville the next morning but an engine broke down in the night near Vincennes. And so we were detained three eight hours. Lost our sight of way - and the eight hours

Behind a time had become twelve
By the time the train pulled into
Nashville. I had purposely planned
to pass over the country between
Nashville and Atlanta by daylight
but for reasons which I need not
detail it was necessary for me to
press on. so I made the trip in the
night. Arrived at Atlanta the next
morning and here by noon of the
same day. It had snowed on us all
the way up from Atlanta. The
atmosphere being so thick as to
shut out all distant views of scenery.
I arrived here on a blinding snow
storm which continued without let up
till noon Thursday. By this time
the snow lay everywhere a foot deep.
Cold weather preceded and followed
the storm. The thermometer one morning
dropping as low as -16° . The
depth of the snow. The intensity of
the cold and the long period over
which it lasted has not been equaled
in this region in the last forty
years. As I heard a native remark
yesterday. "It has been powerful

hard on the face" - On the other hand
the sun rises as high in the heavens
as it will with us in April - the
days are long - the atmosphere very
clear and perfectly still, so although
we still have frosty mornings the
midday temperatures seems the same.
Hardened by exposure to the severity
of a northern climate - quite mild
and enjoyable. I only wish there
would come a warm rain and carry
off the hard crusts of the snow which
still lingers in the woods and shady
places.

The ~~main~~ crest of the Blue Ridge
lies about 17 miles northwest of us -
the highest visible peak Mt. Yonah
2657 ft alt. Demond is 1650 ft above
the sea. The country in the immediate
vicinity I am disappointed in - a
stern, hilly region covered with second
growth oak mixed with which is
occasionally about 25% of scrub Pine -
All the way up from Atlanta it was
the same. one acre of 40 acres will
scarcely show a dozen old trees and
these whether oak or Pine have over

There is exemption from this age not the
heavily any merit of beauty or
utility but just the reverse - As no
stumps are visible I infer that the
deforestation took place before the war.

This is a queer town - northern
in all its appearances - dropped down
on the hills of Georgia - It is populated
by cranks mostly, drawn from the
cold woods of Maine - "The banana
belt" of Dakota and intervening
salubrious regions. There is a poet from
Arkham N. H. who has published a
volume of poems (at his own expense)
entitled "A Thousand Songs of life, love,
hope and heaven" - It lies on the parlor
table below - There are not really an
even 1000 of them - not more than
500 in fact - but the number is made good
by a lot of appearances in verse - He
does business in Arkham and spends his
winters here - In his preface he tells his
readers that he tries to carry poetry
into his business and business into his
poetry - in words to that effect - I can't
say what effect this proceeding may
have on the business end of the bargain
but it is very apparent that the poetry

so called has not been accomplished
without a good deal of Yankee perseverance
and hard work. He is one more of the
Cranks of course and I know Refreshment
without waiting to be told. That I will
be taken in as of the fraternity.

I rather scented the idea - at first -
of going into a Southern house
built on Northern principles - heated
throughout by furnace &c but I have
found it mighty comfortable this
cold spell to regulate the heat of
my room by the turn of a register.

Yesterday I chanced to be
looking out of my window when a
splendid, great, bald-headed Eagle
came sailing by so close that I
could see his eyes. His head and
neck were very white. in fact every
feather on him was perfect. He flew
by toward the Mountains. I thought
possibly such visitors were common but
find to my surprise that this bird
is rarely seen in this immediate
vicinity - I seem to have been
specially favored.

I am sorry to hear that our good friend Stand is so afflicted. I must write to him. I would write to all my Potomac friends often only I am conscious that I have only more Potomac personalities to communicate and then many easily be administered ad nauseam.

Mattie's address is Willsborough, Essex Co. N. Y. She will be glad I know to have a letter from "Mr Deane".

As I have not yet escaped the winter weather I tried to run away from it is too soon to look for any beneficial effects from my trip south. But I have seen more and learned more of the natives and their ways of living in one week than I expected to see and learn in a month. I shall have to tell you about them another time. My kindest regards to Mrs Deane.

Cordially B. M.

Demorest, Ga. -

Feb 8th 1893

My dear Mr Deane:-

We had a delightful weather here all through the fore part of last week - calm - warm - hazy just like Indian Summer. The thermometer standing at about 60° in the morning and 70° at mid. day. Friday dawned more hazy than ever. all distant views being shut off by the smokiness of the atmosphere. But about 9 o'clock a cool breeze sprang up from the west and the air cleared in a wonderfully short space of time. Clouds gathered overhead but around the horizon it was perfectly clear. At this time the mountains took on a color which I had never before seen in any landscape - a deep, intense blue verging toward purple in the valleys - and a deepening of the neutral blue the distant mountains as often assume. And a clear - pronounced

ultra-marine! It remained cool all day & cloudy. Saturday morning there was a white frost and Saturday night a cold rain set in which lasted all day Sunday. I have no doubt this was the extreme southern phase of the cold wave which swept over the whole of the upper Mississippi valley the latter part of the week past. My wife writes me that the weather has been unusually severe in St. Ills. - the boys go to school in skates. Frodostrains take to the middle of the street and that she herself is house-bound.

I was mainly glad to get both of your letters and I only refrained from answering the first immediately in hopes that the second might follow - as it has - in a day or two.

Demarest is a new place - forced into existence by a land company. It is only 3 or 4 years old. The project was to repeat on the south - the

experiment so successfully made by Mr. Lenoir at Vineland N. J. of building up a prohibition town. Just at present the place has sunk into a common state and anybody who could tell for sure whether death or resurrection was going the issue would relieve the anxious minds of a good many settlers and of the Land Company ^{as well} stock. The climate is no doubt a fine one for all your warm residents. Chateaufort - situated only 5 miles distant was a noted summer resort for southerners before the war. John Stevenson & others had residences there and I am told the court house was built in 1832. The year before I was born. I was misinformed as to the height of Mt. Yonah. The most conspicuous peak of the Blue Ridge. I should have written 3400 ft alt / not 2600 ft / as was I correct in saying that this is the highest peak visible from this point Mt. Gray. more distant and apparently of

superior height is 44 1/2 ft. alt.

The native "Cracker" is a study -
Let me give him credit for one
very agreeable trait. He is invariably
polite, and his boys always lift
their caps to any lady they meet with
a grace born of familiarity which
is very engaging. As far as I can
see there is none of that sulky, sudden
wrathful resentment felt toward those
occupying a different station in
life of which one sees so much in the
lower down labour of the north. The
Cracker does not congregate with his
brethren in the outskirts of a city
and nurse his wrongs by listening
to socialistic (so called) harangues. On
the contrary he builds his shanty
way off in the woods and he & his
family live by themselves. He is
wretchedly poor - poor as poverty - lazy
but proud as a lord of his position as
a citizen. His wife is the most
wretched, degraded, odious creature
imaginable. She chews tobacco

and spite with the accurate aims of a
paragon though. If ever the mountain
woman of Ga indulged in any such
weak femininity as a "snuff stick,"
they have long ago discarded it
for the more manly habit of taking
a chaw from the plug. She is now
without a babe in arms and
carries in through the principal
street of the town making such
an absolutely unconscious display
of what Macaulay calls the "water-
bail joint" that the on-looker
keeps his way, ashamed of his
conventional ideas of propriety.
She is innocent. What are you
thinking about? One problem I can
not solve and I have asked intelligent
persons who have lived here for years and
they too are just as ^{much} in the dark
as the last new comer from the north.
Now is it that along with what is
plainly the ground work of the
character of the cracker their co-
spirits their latent persecution so

so often displayed in "lynching
sufferers" It is a survival from the
old slavery days of course - but why
does it survive? Is it that
wreaking vengeance and curiosity
to behold if not to participate in
cruelty is always the mark of
the weak savage and that fellow
feeling - sympathy - a sense of
common humanity is the last
outgrowth of civilization? —

Perhaps if the orator was a little
more sensitive to his degradation
the problem of "elevating the poor
whites of the South" would be simplified
- It is simply amazing to me that
any motherman of average intelligence
should come into one of the old
slave states the poorest here all
and make a permanent home -

The moral filth in which whites
and blacks wallowed alike for
two hundred years has left
behind a mass of filth which will
not be lifted one year to come

It is the sinning of hate - but
do what you will these people -
whites and blacks together - must
work out their own salvation -
Draw a cordon of freedom and
decency around them and let
them do it -

Lots of Turkey Buzzards but no
more eagles! I had n't seen this
fellow's splendid plumage I once
began to feel that I had known
my first Buzzard - for this
bird of freedom!

Don't expect any sympathy from
me! Patterson doubtless got it as I
wrote to 30 years ago - No such
plants now growing about Rockford -

I have found a patch of Galax
about a mile distant and the next
time I visit the locality, I will
gather some of the fresh leaves
(leaves persist over the winter) and
send to you - Set in a cool place
in water. They will keep fresh for
a long time - To my surprise there

is very little green herbage to be
seen here at this season - less than
at the north - no grass - and the
only perennial in open places
- along good paths &c with a few
leaves starting over - is a small
variety of Potentilla Canadensis -

I have already read up all the
papers I brought with me - This is
a Democrat's paradise - With Mattie
at Hillsborough, N. Y. Will in Minnesota
three children in Chicago - and the
home folks I have been writing
Both letters mentioned of Thérèse.
By the way Mattie asks "What has
become of Mr Deane?" She is
waiting for that promised letter.

Well here's the end of 4 1/2 pages
and not much said either -

Please accept quantity in lieu of
quality -

Kindest regards to Mrs Deane -
How I wish I may soon I may
see you both! Very cordially
Dorothy

Danvers Ga
Feb 14 1893

My dear Mr. Greene:-

Your Willow specimen is so fragmentary and mixed as to be of almost no value. If all the leaves are from the same plant - which I doubt - we have one of those intermediate forms not uncommon in New England. But the twig of young leaves seems more discolor while the detached (older) leaf is more like humilis - The fertile aments accompanying are either S. sericea or possibly S. pedicularis. (The two not clearly distinct in husk at this early stage of growth!) As for your the leaves "becoming plumous". you will see by the fragments returned that it is the young leaves which are only thinly overspread with hairs while the older leaf is quite

pubescent beneath - Your corres-
pondence probably relied upon a
memorandum as to locality &c.
There is no safe way for this
notice but to use traps - I
could tell in this connection
a funny story - about a mistake
made by me usually so very
careful friend Prof L. F. Ward -
He sent me specimens mixed of
S. longifolia & *S. nigra* - mixed leaves
and mixed flowers - I called his
attention to the fact and he
replied that he did not see how
there could possibly be any mistake
the bush grows by itself - in a
locality, easily remembered and
he was quite sure that fls & frs
were from the same bush - I
returned to him specimens of each
species - The identity of which he
recognized - but still protested that
how the mixture came about was
more a mystery to him than it

was to me - I had forgotten all
about the matter when the next
spring I received a humorous
letter glorifying the occasion of
the clond botanist and express-
ing the object humiliation of
the local observer - He had found
his one bush the consist of two -
with branches ~~intricately~~ growing
in intricate confusion -

I sent you yesterday a
little box containing leaves of
thalex - I am told that if placed
in water and set in a cool
place they will keep fresh for
many days - I hope they
may reach you in good condi-
tion - But have my misgivings
about these -

Yours cordially
O B. B.

Demarest, Ga

Tuesday, Feb 21st 1893

My dear Mr Deane -

Yesterday was delightful, warm without being sultry. The air calm, clear and invigorating - Today is chilly. wind in the east. sky overcast with leaden clouds - Yesterday I was out in the open all day long. Today I am shut in and writing letters - and so I answer one of your questions as to how I spend my time - just as it happens -

My wife has very decided objections to my packing either books or botanical work in my trunk - so my resource is nature in all her phases that I have capacity or culture to appreciate first and foremost - and fill in dull days as best I can - I had you enjoyed the Galap leaves - that they were through fresh. Quite a number of perennials are beginning to show their root leaves. I will not stay long enough to see the flowers but I am sure myself guessing what they may be. One very distinctly marked

variety of Senecio canescens. is coming on
so rapidly I may get this flower -
I send Lloyd's card on to Mrs Beth. I
know she will appreciate it.

By referring to the Century Dictionary
you would - I imagine - get more reliable
information about the word "cracker"
than I can give you - It is a
Seminole word brought to me - and has been
for years - I think it was first
applied to the poor white mountaineers
of Georgia - but afterwards generically
to the same class all over the region
they inhabit - I would not call the
numerous street loafer who loafs
about town - above doing any work -
himself but perfectly willing that his
knowledge of a wife should pay his
tobacco bills out of her hard earnings
is the worthless a "cracker" - We have
fellows of that same sort all the north
The cracker lives way back in the woods
- He stays at home I think most of the
time - When he does go to town he drives
a little pair of oxen before a light
rudely constructed wagon in which he
loads his wife and children -

They have almost no money, whatever.
If Madame wishes to buy a yard of
Cecilia she goes to town with a live
chicken - or some eggs tied up in a
brown kerchief - and expects the barter -
My dear Lady tells me that they live
in winter time almost exclusively on a
coarse corn bread "dodger" and peas
over which they "pour pork fat" - the
very good woman's horror. This is in every
way the best thing this supplies hydro-carbons
to a diet from which fresh meat is
excluded. For all its present undesirability
this is an old settled regime and
Cardamine officinalis has been widely
spread in the mountain spring-fed,
brooks and is tender and succulent all
through the cold winter.

You may well say "what a change
in our home in Rockford just at
present" - and water families who have
to brood down this end of the
the angle which separates us "all by
his loneliness" has on some accounts
a hard time of it. Only my wife -
Walter & Frank at home. Thomas Arthur
was out from Chicago Lincoln's birth day
and Will was expecting to "see his

ma!" on the 22^d - Unless spring is unusually delayed I will return about April 1st - I shall want to look after my garden by that time.

We have on the whole a rather pleasant "family" of boarders here as Mrs Boutelles. And dear me - from the ground up their estimation of life and its purpose - of ends it - every thing - is so widely different from my own view I th begin dissenting there would be no place to stop. As I pass amongst them I fancy for a rather taciturn set of gentlemen of no very pronounced opinion of his own - who goes off into the woods instead of going down town to "get acquainted with folks" and who kindly but resolutely declines to be entertained by poor little Misses in short dresses. "speaking of pieces".

The post office keeps me in touch with the old life and I shall struggle until I be when the time comes to turn my face northward.

Cordially

Beth

Demorest. Ga. 7
March 3/93

My dear Mr. Deane:—

Your connection with
notable families in and about
Boston which is revealed incidentally
now and then in your letters
reads like one of Hales stories. And
by the way this reminds me that
my wife came across a short story
of Hales in an old Atlantic. possibly
last summer in which he remarks
concerning some historical matter—
"it is so because Deane says so."
How differently frightened the few
words are to us now from what they
probably were when we first read
them. How very gratified it must
be to you. what honest pride you
must feel in the conscious recog-
nition of your relationship to those
whose names are associated for
generations after generations in
wise efforts to make the world

in which we live better.

Did I write you - (I write so many different things to so many different persons I never can remember even for a day which was for which) that Chrysogonum virginicum was the first barbarea plant observed in flower - It struck me as a little singular that the earliest harbinger of spring should be one of the Compositae - so intimately associated in the prairie with the flowers of mid summer and autumn.

So Coulter has been called to the Presidency of Lake Forest University near Chicago - I fancy his energies henceforth will be more and more directed to educational work - with a corresponding decrease of interest in botany - Well I don't care so much as I used to have done a few years ago - when I looked upon Dr Coulter as a possible force

class systematist - He has done fairly well as a compiler, but his original work - that which is really and truly his own and not the appropriated product of a subordinate effort - has never struck me as more than common place. Finally his address before section 7. convinced me that he had not the spirit - let alone the ability - of a D. Gray - But he is a fellow of acknowledged ^{character} ~~character~~ - is ambitious - and I apprehend will find henceforth in educational fields a wider opening.

I have dropped the Baggins this year - Its average tone was to me not helpful - in the contrary direction depressingly - and my only use for such a journal is to find in its monthly visits something of the exhilaration which you Cambridge fellows ^{get} in reverboration - the lively rebound of conversation -

mutual appreciation of each others
work -

Mattie was much pleased
with the letter you wrote her -
She is a dear, good girl - one of
the most affectionate - helpful
daughters that ever made glad the
heart of a father

Winter has held us so steadily
I am now hoping that when spring
does come it will come the stay -
and if so I want to be home
by April 1st. Perhaps prolonging
my stay for two weeks more would
be wise. But I intended to go back
four weeks from now in such
good time that I will not mind
being confined to the house for
a few days when the weather
is bad - and if it should be good
there is lots of garden work
to be done.

Cordially
Beth

Demorest, Ga

Monday March 15th 1893

My dear Mr Deane -

Monday in company with two of my fellow boarders. Mr Hastings an affable old gentleman of about 75 years and his grand daughter - a queer young lady of about Matties age - I visited the neighboring town of Clarksville. We rode over on the noon train and walked back - from the station where we got off up to the town was about a mile which we all decidedly preferred to walk. In fact we began to find ourselves in the more densely populated portion before we had seen any place where we could get a drink and eat our dinner which we had brought with us. Just at this juncture however we came upon a big hotel for summer boarders - quite deserted - so we filled our mugs at the well and ate our lunch on the

broad piazza in front with all the
nonchalance of genuine southerners.
Then we went on our way down the
main street. For it is what we call
out west a "string town" built all in
one street - At the head of this street
on an eminence - and fronting the
approach stands the old Court House
built in 1832 - the oddest structure you
can imagine - Around it fairly
swarmed a throng of "natives" and negroes
- about half & half - and roughly segregated,
- not intermingling freely. In northern
Georgia the sessions of the County Court
are the occasion for as general a
gathering of the town as is with us in N. H.
the County fair - The citizen takes a lively
interest in the administration of the
law and I am told he is better
versed in its technicalities than his
fellow of equivalent standing and
intelligence at the north - It is a
quarrelsome town - all falling to pieces -
has been hit hard, twice - To begin
with it was a famous resort for

Southerners before the war. who came
here not so much for the mere pleasure
of living in a more congenial climate
from June till frost. but because this
whole region is entirely exempt from
intermittent and remittent fevers. and
a safe retreat was found from the
malarial - lowland cotton growing
districts - There are four large hotels
in the place (closed at this season of year)
and I don't know how many small
boarding houses - perhaps a dozen - Now
to begin with the war impoverished the
former patrons and the rich southerners
of the present day - under changed
conditions - abolition of slavery &c friends
is more to his liking to go north -
This alone would have killed the place
but a second bit of misfortune has
"killed it dead" - It was in the old
days "befo' the war" the last point
that could be comfortably reached by
horse and carriage - With the building

of the Blue Ridge and Atlantic R. R.
easy access was had to a much
higher and every way more attractive
point namely Talula Falls and thence
went the remnants of the former
pageanters of Clarksville hotels. Today
the town is literally deserted. By a piece
of good luck we had an opportunity of
looking all through and around an
old plantation house the finest (with
our exception) of all the old houses in
the town. Adjoining this place was the
former residence of Trouble (he you
will remember that shortly he would some
day "call the roll of his slaves at the foot
of Bunker Hill monument"). We walked
through the old garden but did not
enter the house as it is now owned
and occupied by a Judge Somebody.
But the old gardens - how I would
have enjoyed tarrying longer in their
neglected paths - Daffodils in great
branches - here - there - everywhere - looking
as if they had shifted for themselves
the last 50 years - Pyrus Japonica not
at all pretty with a mass of accumulated

old wood crowding the more recent
growths - But oh the Box hedges!
No neglect can impair the neat, trim
character of this beautiful shrub. Now
I wish I could grow it in Rockford!
A bed of blue Roman Hyacinths growing
in the open border was a surprise to
me. But all over everywhere - over
the walks - under and along the
broken down fences - covering the
borders that once were - a dense soft
intricate mat of Japanese honeysuckle
and Vinca mixed. No grass anywhere -
no lawn. Clearly the gardeners here
must work for their graves as we
north work for our roses. The character-
istic Southern downy weed is one that
can be kept clean with a broom!

Well all told me had seven miles of
continuous (or almost continuous) walking
so far see there is some go left in
me yet - As all our friends had
predicted that we would stay and

come down on the evening, Train our
arrival at a little past four was
greeted with exclamations of genuine
surprise. Now said Mr H, as we neared
the house "it would be for us to come
straggling in - Even if we feel out of
breath as a lot of old stage
horses let's come up to the platform
with a flourish" and we did. Though
for a fact I was not nearly so tired
as I had expected I would be -

I have decided to go home the last
week in March so to send mail my
letter to Democrats after Friday March 1st
- as soon as you please before that
date - No many flowers yet or I would
have sent you some -

I had forgotten about the early blooming
of Antennaria plantaginifolia - There there are
the Dandelions too! The definitions are very
amusing - Thanks for letting me share
the fun - That last about the "Corydoras" is
too funny for any use -

I have sat here at my table this evening
and scribbled away at you about a place
you never heard of before and in which you
may not find the least interest - Simply

my own method of
getting to death
I have not been
very careful in
writing
I hope

Demarest - Ga
March 23 / 93

Dear Mr Deam

So our dear old
friend Vasey has passed
over to the silent majority.
He was my first botanical
friend and correspondent.
How well I recall this
first package of plants I
ever received, and they
came from his hand -
grasses - sedges and fungi
specimens good, bad and
in different - but oh how
helpful they were and
what immeasurable possibilities
of further accessions they
opened up before my
youthful spirit. How much
I learned from them! How
rich I was! - I spread them

all out over the furniture -
- over the piano - over the
floor and chairs to look at
them - and it was Sunday
at that! - Ah me - since
then I have had boxes
2 unpack containing ~~not~~
~~not~~ ~~just~~ as one single
acquisition to my barbarous
3000 specimens not a single one
of which merits condemnation
on the score of careless collecting
but I never was quite so
set up as by this old
time sending of Dr Vane's -
We dropped apart in later
years and I scarcely received
a letter from him once
in three years - Having
said this much in
a spirit of friendship
- Calder Campbell me the old

That Dr. Carey, in my opinion
was an inferior botanist
intellectually. His almost
entire reputation rests on
skill in wire pulling -
a certain lack of manliness
where manliness stood in the
way of personal advancement
- and an appropriation
officially of the good work
done by subordinates - whereby
he got himself into a
prominent position and
held himself there - acquiring
a degree of notoriety for
any foundation for which
in actual personal performance
you may seek in vain -
A very small man - small
in stature and small in
intellect - who yet managed
to climb up. Who accepted

in fact the very fountain
which more than all else
has given him reputation
under conditions that more
than one botanist at the
time felt in honor bound
to regard as such that
a refusal when tender
was made by the Depart-
ment was the only
manly alternative - and
this went so far that
Humboldt had a stinging
rebuke to the then Secretary
of Agriculture in this paper
he was then writing, entitled
"Haunted - a botanist!" But
perhaps you remember all
about it - or was it before
you saw this, the dismissal
of D Parry kicked up such
a fuss - and you

I pray for the opportunity
he was wont to delight
in - to humiliate a
clumsy and pompous
disputant by keen strokes
of sarcasm - But enough
of this!

How I wish you could
have been with me to
see Taklatch Falls. The
view far surpassed my
most extravagant expectations
- A river flowing in a
series of falls and cascades
varying in height from a
few feet to 85 and 90 feet
each - all down in the
bottom of a chasm 800 to
1200 feet deep! As one looks
down over a sheer perpendicular
wall of granite 800 ft
on the river below -

The water is a lovely sea
green color except when it
is broken into white spray
in tumbling over rocks.

The chasm is not strictly
a cañon worn out by the
river itself. But is, I should
say, partly, this and partly
a gigantic rift in the
rocks. I went down to the
foot of Tempest's fall

a sheer leap of 80 feet - a
grand spot - and afterwards
climbed back, with a guide
up the cliff 800 feet. Pretty
good for me! And I feel
next day like an old carter
horse turned loose to rest
after a hard days work

Harriet's regards to Mrs. Seaman
But a corker I can beat her, in
a straight walk - down hill -

Wells
Evening and early

Rockford Ill.
April 11th / 93

My dear Mr Deane: -

I got home just in
the nick of time! No need of
staying down in Georgia with
such weather prevailing in
Northern Illinois as we have
had since April 1st! And my?
But hasn't garden work kept
me on the jump - with a list in
my pocket of things that must
be done without delay and a
longer list of things that could
wait for a day or two - I have
stayed out every evening till I
had to quit on account of not
being able to see - and this
brought me close on the way

bed time - namely 8 o'clock - Too
tired to write letters though I
read with pleasure letters
written by others and thoughts of
things to say in reply which
only the lack of vis vitae keeps
from being put on paper -

I appreciated both the Demon
farewell and the home greeting -
- the former timed to reach me
only a few hours before my
departure. The latter handed
me by my wife - my first
letter here - and your last
dated April 7th suggests much
to write in reply when I feel
less hurried. I do want to
tell you more about Talullah
Falls. Why if that grand spot
were in the Northern states it

would have been known the world
over. It is, not the "high falls"
for Tempestia the highest of the
series is only 85 ft. but it is the
deep chasm in which the falls
and rapids are set. There is a
tower 3 stories high at the foot of
Tempestia to give a start in the
climb up where the face of the
cliff affords no safe footing. How
dare you try to imagine it. but do just
what I tell you. Take a cord or
litter envelope and against some
chain or iron joint let this cord
measure ^{from the floor} the fifty feet of the tower.
The cliff rises 750 above still. That is
15 times the width of your measure.
Tempestia will be once and a half the
width. Now from the first measure
to represent the height of the tower

go on up 15th times more and you
will get some realizing sense
of the relative depth of the Chasm
to which is in reality a very
grand water fall. even taken by
itself. Talullah River is one of the
head waters of the Savannah.

When I am less hurried I will
try to recall the circumstances
attending Dr Parry's dismissal from
the Agricultural Div of the Patent Office.
- though my story will lose all its
point if I can not recd the
correspondence between Dr Parry and
the then Commissioner. Unfortunately
I have forgotten in just about
periodical the correspondence was
published. This is only an
apology for a letter - sometimes
I may make amends for present
delinquencies - and at any rate I
thank my stars for a least one
correspondent who does not hold me

Self
Cordially
which account -
the

Landerdale Lake

Sunday Morning

July 16th / 93

My dear friend Deane

I admit it all. I
admit it all! I feel as Darwin
did when his attention was called
to the number of Capital I's in
the first paragraph of the Origin of
Species "I acknowledge the damnable
fact!" But like every other
delinquent I soothe my perturbed
conscience by promising to do better
- agree to make amends and therefore
be is known. That is my present
earnestly entertained purpose this
letter is not the precursor of others
to follow till I shall have done
more need you repentance - It
has taken an effort to begin. I
had to get my old stylograph
Ink and wash in all out. Refill
it with fresh ink and wipe it
on the table a dozen times to make
it give down. Then I had to hunt
up paper and envelopes and what

out. But I am well now - and
going as you see. There have
been times, in years gone by,
when I have felt that my friends
might have had occasion to
suspect a more or less violent
seizure of coccythos scribendi. To
which I am liable. But there
seems no immediate danger of
relapse just at present.

For a few days just before we
left Rockford I was not at all well
- had rather overworked in some
directions I need. As to this statement
may appear, and it was decreed
that when we got up to the Lakes
I was to give up everything
absolutely - and try the "rest cure"
for a week. The "treatment" was
not hard to take and seems to
have been efficacious. The work
is up to morning. And instead of
claiming days of grace. I am
quite ready to anticipate full
cure by twenty four hours - and
I had fully promised myself that
the very first thing I did since

for to write a letter to you - or
rather to write the introduction -
as it were to a series

There are 9 new cottages - building
or already occupied around one
end of the lake - this summer.
And the "Rockford Camp" is just as
quiet and secluded as ever - if not
more so. For Mr Wheeler the present
owner of the hotel has given the
frangers very distinctly to understand
that they, can not come into the grove
- hitch their horses to the trees and
then go prowling about and disturb
our other peoples premises - which
is a great relief to us -

Mattie Read a letter from
you yesterday with which she
is greatly pleased - so am I too
in fact. Like hearing from
you directly when I did not know
any such pleasure -

I am so glad to know that
you are coming to the Fair
in September - Of course you will
tell yourself not in about three
days - everybody does that at first.

and still need a rest. It is only
2 1/2 hours out to (Rocky Mts) - and a
convenient train out in the
evening - so you will come out
and rest up with us and then
go back again when you feel
like going. What a pleasure!
I can scarcely realize that it is
something so near - so very near
at home! I wish you could
have met the folks when the
perspective line as you were down
it was unbroken - but in any case
then the narrow mind would come
up in the crudelity of their
welcome for the morning ones.
The stairway "out such night, easy
come" is a short one - only a
few steps - sorry that it seems to
be arranged that you are to come
alone - must take that subject for
consideration in some future letter.
Well! I must not write myself all
out at the start - this will show that I
am a little awkward at the business
just now - but it will serve its purpose
if it conveys the assurance of the
entire and then and esteem of your self

Landisale, Wis

July 20th
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My dear friend Deane:—

Like the illustrious Macaulay "once more I stand erect before my fellow man!" There is not an unanswered letter left in my portfolio barring three sent by one Walter Deane. and these I will now read over again from in hand.

We all enjoyed immensely the reminiscence of your early life—written on the approach of your 45th birth day. As we grow older such recollections acquire a rare charm. I think I have explained to you how I was fascinated by Howells Boys Town. Because I happened to be one of the "other boys" who inhabited the town at the same time. But Howells account of boy-life in Boston fifty years ago I found scarcely less interesting, and your story fits in with this as a rare

only being belonging to a later date.
But why did you - as if an adult
in story telling, for a periodical
break off right in the most
interesting part. How did you
meet your wife? - You will have
known - now that in vacation and
your herbarium enriched with pretty
much everything growing along the
"Concord river excepting" young Portulacas
to tell us all about it!

Your account of the Herbarium Herb
interested me. I've ^{seen} just such! In
speaking of the Boott coll. of Carices
do you refer to the Francis Boott coll.
I thought this was disposed of yours
and years ago. In fact my Carex
Cephaloides Desv. with Dewey's autograph
label - and locality given "Rocky Mts"
is from Boott's Herb. I wrote to
Barley about it but he never gave
me any answer of any kind - The
plant is - of course - both in geographical
position and technical character -
= C. gracilis Bailey - And speaking of
Carices I'm not going to say a
word to disturb your comfortable

belief that you have the finest
collection of the Mammal species in
the country, - I don't doubt but
that you have. But I do believe
that your hunting has gathered in
their native haunts more of the
Mammal species than any Man's
own living. - This is a matter of
fortune rather than - sagacity and
industry. - At the very beginning of
my career as an insane collector
I had my attention turned to the
Caricacs by Sordwell & Valey. - For three
years I explored a very rich locality
in N. Ills. - then for several years
my home was in Southern Illinois
- then for eight years in Washington
with the summers spent in Massachusetts - in all which time I was
an enthusiastic Caricadmaniac -
- Do you observe that I took
practically the 4 corners of the
old Mammal district and as far as
Caricacs are concerned made a
clean sweep - excepting the few
alpines - and a few species of
very local distribution

Now here comes a batch of questions
- designed I fancy to give a
slightish intell. or a boost and
set us going on a little. The
"household" - Well we have had Will
with us for a week and fathering
six at the family board it has
seemed almost like old times.
- He left us yesterday. He is editing
a country paper in Minnesota, and
has a good business - job work included.
- But is sorely tried just at present
on account of the difficulty of making
collections. Mrs B and Mattie are
both in very good health and spirits
so that the male portion of the
camp feel some degree of relief
least we might be putting too much
on the shoulders of our housekeepers
- or letting them take too much. which
amounts to the same thing! - David
our factotum here - remarked one day
when he was helping us fill the
ice box - "you folks have too much
diet" - The "garden" was in "apple
pie order" when I left. goodness
knows how it may look by this

time - I engaged a man to mow
the lawn but would sooner risk
"letting alone" than have a cold
Irishman turned loose in the
borders without supervision - Walter
is going down to Portland to see to
things next week - My "health" well
that is hard to tell - I eat well &
sleep well and so according to the
dicta of old hard headed doctors there
ought to be nothing the matter
with me - but that compromised bron-
chitis bothers my talking more
than it used to - Just think - if
you should come to visit me -
and I not be able to talk!!

For fear something might get away
you close with our various slams
"all other interesting facts" -

Mr Hollenbeck, our neighbor, caught
last evening a Pike weighing 18 lbs
- that is just at present the most
exciting event that has "transpired"
in camp - Our little Frank
however caught yesterday a fish
weighing 14 lbs and landed it
himself - and his excitement

over the event was quite equal
to that of Mr H. with his 18 pounder.
I wish I could divide with you a
large bunch of Turkey Cap Lobins
which stood in the Tackle before me -
- a whole armful - Walter and Mattie
brought them in from the big marsh -
They reminded me of the profusion of
Horn we used to see on the prairies
everywhere thirty years ago -

I have a nephew in Chicago -
a fine young fellow - carefully
nurtured by a sensible mother -
- a perfect gentleman - who intends
to go to Harvard for a year from
now - I have thought that in many
ways your advice might be of
great help to him - He is not the
kind of boy at all who would make
himself intrusive - May I give
him a letter of introduction to
you? - when he goes -

Here I am at the bottom of my
sixth page and not a word about
your coming to the Fair in Sept -
That will give me a text for
No 3 -

Cordially - as ever I tell

Fair day after day,
with great satisfaction
to herself - and the
involvement of the
chain produces no doubt
but what of this for a
few days in a life
time. In any day that
I spend at the Fair
hereafter I do not
propose to walk "three
miles" - not anything
approaching that distance.
It is not the walking
that tires people
anyway. I am satisfied
of that. It is the
tremendous mental
effort - taking in

Lancasterdale N.Y.
Aug 18th 93

My dear Deane -

For my own
use I desire note
paper. I no more
than yet fairly started
away from me margin
before I run up against
the other and return
with spacing my words
and keeping a sharp
look out that I don't
run off altogether I
really have no mind
left for anything
else - The present
therefore is no attempt

in any way. Please
in answer to answer
your splendid letter
of the 2^d inst only as
the one brief paragraph.

I beg of you not to
look upon your visit
to Chicago as "fantiful".

You must not waver,
not
You can afford to
let the opportunity
go by unimproved.

I fear that along with
a great many other
wise sensible people
of New England you
are permitting a feeling

of apathy to control
your judgment. If
difficulties stand in
the way brush them
aside - pull the whole
miserable business down
on your head - see the
Worlds Fair - and

Clear away the debris
afterward - And bring
Mrs Deane with you.

I know of one lady
living in Buffalo
so much of an invalid
that she had to be
carried everywhere -
who yet visited the

can show you some
interesting Willows.

We have all enjoyed
our outing this
summer and are more
than ever satisfied that
Goulds Lake is
just the place for us.
Geneva is just on
re. bank of Chicago -
Delavan is crowded -
lacks retirement and
offers no inducements
except to "society people".
Goulds Lake is quiet,
restful - picturesque - and
yet we are within easy
reach of supplies.

Cordially as ever
Beth.

by the hour intellectual
excitement that our
ordinary experiences
would be spread over
years. Come - both
of you - and to your
debating whether it
was a wise move
or not after you
get back to Boston.

Our own plans have
as yet taken no
very definite shape.
We will probably "break
camp" Aug 30th. There
is talk of my taking
Frank into Chicago
for the week following

Sept 4th so that he
may see more of
the Fair and return
to Portland in time
for the opening of
School. Sept 11th

After that the rest of
us can come and
go as appears at
the time most
convenient.

I shall be disappoint-
ed if we do not have
you both "all to our
own selves" for a few
days. Albeit we
have little to offer

but a most cordial
welcome - You will
find us living in
a very modest, eco-
nomical sort of way.
and may take our
domestic establishment,
if you will, as a
survivor of the
simplicity of western
life "befo' the war"
My husband's two-like
its owner - has not been
kept up - and is a
good deal faded - as
old things are
apt to be - though I

Believe me - but I am writing
in the midst of a
dilemma and my mind is
a good deal confused -

Hoping soon to have
the pleasure of shaking
hands and then in
encountering your old
western correspondent
you may not have a
recollection of the last
time that Mr Lloyd gave
you I remain

Cordially yours
J. W. H.

6627 Harvard St
Englewood, Ills.
Sept 8th / 93

Dear Mr Deane

Now I write to
you at all in the last
week or ten days. I would
probably have written a
letter every day and each
one would have cancelled
all plans - appointments
and expectations set forth
in the previous twenty four
hours. Even up to the very
day before I left Stockholm
I would have said that
I would not be in Chicago
during the month of September
yet here I am - the story

through this week anyway
and possibly much longer.
I have not time for
explanations - but to
facilitate our meeting
I venture to make the
following appointment
in hopes this is on any one
interference with your plans -

I will be across the
big tree in the Government
building Thursday of this
week at 11 o'clock A.M. & 12 M.
If I fail to meet you within
a few minutes of the
appointed time I will ^{be} meet
you again at 12 M. Friday
This last alternative to
guard against the possibility

of this letter failing to
reach your hands in
time Thursday morning -
Finally, if all these
plans miscarry, I will
try to call upon you at
the residence of your
friends on Boston St.
^{Monday} ~~Saturday~~ ^{of next week} evening at 8 P.M.
I have a sister living now
far away and I will
want to see her and so
will not find it at all
inconvenient to spend you
up. I hope this is enough
to insure our meeting
somewhere - and that I
have not left anything
doubtful in attempting to

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Sept 16th / 93

My dear friend Deane -

Too bad. too bad!

sick and away from home - Not
able to see the Fair after all. Our
hopes of having you here with us
for a few days and our disappointment
that you can not come though meaning
much to us. I have sense and
sympathy enough I trust to sink to
their proper degree of consideration in
comparison with all the rest which you
had counted upon and found yourself
compelled to forego. If I had only known!
I spend Sunday night at my sisters -
Mrs John P. Reynolds - within three blocks of
where you were - I thought, as it was - of
calling but deemed it more than likely
that if I did so I would intrude upon
some family gathering - And to think of
my dragging you along the weary length
of all this row of pictures of old locomotives
which mean nothing if you could not go back
later and see the locomotives themselves -

I only hope - as so often is the case
in the ordinary affairs of life - that
out of common place events and commonplace
talk there may nevertheless ^{have risen} ~~rise up~~
a grateful atmosphere of friendship
and fellow-feeling.

I met Wheeler afterwards in the
Michigan Educational Exhibit and he spoke
very warmly of you and was hoping
to be able to meet you.

Mattie came in Sunday - as was
expected but we only had Monday & Tuesday
following at the Fair together. Then one
received a telegram that Nina was home
for a few days visit and thus our
plans went by the board too for we
came out to Rockford and left the Fair
for a later day.

I would fain hope that long ere
this letter reaches your hands you will
have taken a turn for the better and
by availing yourself of the services of
a chair person have seen the Fair after
all. Let me have a card from you soon.

But after all it is too bad that
coming so near I did not after have the
pleasure of entertaining you in my own home.

I must practice enough to come across me. I have my typograph at my side & once -

Practically gone. Mrs. B. I am almost sure up my self.

926 Grand Ave
Princeton Ill
Nov 3/93

My dear friend Deane:—

I am in no mood
to write excuses and you wouldn't
care a rap for them anyway.
Let me assure you I can't
elaborate a formidable story if
I were to sit about it. So please
be magnanimous and consider
me excused.

I read your letter about and
there was a fairly expression of
sympathy with you in your
most trying experience. I am
glad that withal you saw
so much of the Fair but the
feeling of regret that we did not
have you here for a few days

only deepens with time. It was
very selfish - I felt that all along -
for we had little to offer but a
most hearty welcome - and there was
so much to drive every one to
sacrifice every other consideration to
the one purpose of seeing as much
as possible of the Fair while it lasted.
- For ^{we all} ~~we~~ felt at bottom that it was
only a fleeting illusion - A monument
of lath and plaster erected to the
honor of Columbus was only a little
more realistic than one of painted
canvas seen on the stage! - But
to think of your having been so
near - and the fates against us so
that one could not quite pull you
out the rest of the way! Come to
Chicago some time when there is
no Fair and I shall have no
scruples - And will just say

violent hands upon you and
compel a stay for longer or shorter
at the home of the Betts.

My plans for the winter are a
good deal unsettled. It has been
two years since I have mounted any
material for the herbarium and there
has been quite a little accumulation
of material - especially of Salices - This
"dead work" may stir up the old
spirit of winter study. Besides I
have half a dozen or more collections
submitted for determination from all
over the country and these I intend to
dispose of next week - One ^{each} from Newfound-
land - Ohio - Minnesota - Montana - Washington
Lower California. so I am likely to
have my old pets kept in mind -
being driven as it were - out of a
sense of obligation to others - etc

refresh me, knowledge if it grows
rusty - To the list I may add one
which Bailey intended to send. of
Cultivated Plants -

As regards of Bailey - what a
drop in the Character of "American
Gardening"! I have only received
a single "sample copy" under the
new management - and am not
sorry that my subscription expired
in September, - Glad that Bailey is
out of it for he is working too
hard - Even now he has too many
wars in the fire and would probably
serve the world to better advantage
if he undertook less and husbanded
his strength for a longer period
of service -

Cordially

W. L. Webb

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Nov 23rd /93

My dear Mr Deane:—

I send you by mail
some fragments - "breeches pocket
specimens" as Dr Torrey used to call
them - of a Crucifer found by my
son Robert near a grain elevator in
Chicago last summer. Probably an
importation from the West. Can you
tell me what it is? I felt quite
smart when I first tackled it and
was going to trace it home to its
lair in an easy off hand manner
as much as to say that if I had been
frottering over Willows only for ever so
long I had it quite lost the run of
general botany - But I did it yet a
name for the thing after all - The
material I send may be insufficient
- no ripe seeds - in which case do not
bother over it.

I have been working up a
collection of Willows this morning,
made by Mr Rose in the Yellowstone
National Park last summer. It brings
a smile to my face to think how
familiar I am, comparatively, with
the Willows of all North America and
how ignorant I am outside of
that little field?

What do you think of the projected
systematic Botany of North America
by Britton, Greene, Coulter, Underwood
and so on?

We are having some ~~good~~ winter
weather for Thanksgiving. Thermometer
this morning - 0 - ground all covered
with snow. Have scarcely struck any
more ad of lvs in three days. That's
why I am dabbling in botany. -

Some family talk about sending
me south again this winter. But I shall
wait and see how I stand the climate
here before I pack out - give up heat -
and run away from home - from wife
children - friends. ~~Particulars~~ - everything ~~well~~
Cordially, Bebb

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills
Decr. '93

My dear Mr Doane: -

I have been trying to think of something I could do for you this Christmas "my own work" as Mattie makes dolls for her friends - "fancy work" as it were, and it occurred to me that I would send you a sketch of Delix Arctica. Pallas concerning which you once helped me so efficiently to collect data for a Willow Note. The sketch is copied from a tracing in my herbarium of a specimen in Herb. A. Gray. I do not know what you can do with it when you get it - unless you fold it up and use it as an illustration pertaining to the "Note" aforesaid.

Of late years I have made a good many such outline sketches or tracings and only

regret that I did not begin the
so soon - When a rare
herbarium specimen happens to
be in my possession for a
brief space of time - then to
be returned to the owner, when
I make it henceforth permanently
my own - for all practical
purposes in this way. When the
time comes to give it a careful
examination I first of all
put the sheet up to the window
and trace or copy everything
- outlines of the plant itself -
every word and scratch printed or
written - just as they appear in
the herbarium sheet. Then comes
the cup of hot water and low
power microscope and the studies
that must needs be made any
way I record in my own sheet -
together with all facts - to the
extent of perhaps needless prolixity
- which the sketch does not show
- such as texture - texture &c. &c.
At first I began by making

"notes" but I was often vexed
after the plant had passed on
I may have to find that I
had made a note of something
unimportant and failed to set
down the very thing I most wished
afterwards to recall. The tracings
are much better - are easily and
quickly made - and go right into
the genus cover where they belong.
Try it sometime!

Sometimes I dream of getting
back into botanical work - all
over - collecting - revising my
Herb. substituting better for
old inferior specimens - writing
dozens of little notes for
publication about hybrid Thistles
and hybrid violets - a - n - d -
hybrid Willows - about the folly
of "finding numbers for an
amateur's use" (shutting off me

of the very best uses he ever
gets from working over a
general herbium & writing
a Monograph of North American
Salices - and goodness knows
what else besides. But alas
when I get up and try it
- just tentatively in one
direction or another - I find
as Old Quinlan - an Irish
farm hand once said to me
"I'm short in the puff-sir"

Wishing you
and yours a Merry
Christmas I remain as
ever
Cordially your friend
Wm. B. Lath

926 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
Dec 28th /93

My dear Mr Deane:-

I was glad to receive the pretty little calendar - knowing as well as I do the spirit which prompted the sending. I will carry it south with me to date letters by - almost the only use I shall have for dates - I fancy - in the place where I am going - Clearwater Harbor, a little place on the Gulf Coast just north of Tampa - very near Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Your letter of Dec^r 1st has been riding around two long in that receptacle for unanswer'd letters the breast pocket of my coat.

I felt sure that *Ribes* plant was
a *Leisnerium* but could find
nothing like it in my herbarium -
I can remember now that some very
fine specimens received long ago
were relegated to the limbo of
material too poor for mounting. to
be held in hopes of getting better.
If I had only had the presumption to
consult Hooker or Benthams! but
then I would have missed Dr
Robinsons authentication & determination.

The reference ^{after the great London fire} to its appearance
led me to consult an old folio
Botanical Dictionary of Martyns
published about one hundred years
ago - and here I found the circum-
stances described upon in detail -
The plant is said to have covered
the ruins with such a dense
growth that it might have

been mowed like grain in a field. I judge from what Bentham says of its distribution in Britain that ^{the plant} ~~it~~ is only found in or near a few large cities - a sort of companion in habit as it were with Chenopodium urticum - Strange that any plant should find in any such environment - the area of least resistance - the place where it could best live & its own in the struggle for existence -

I mounted quite a little pile of Salices - and enjoyed it too - also enough Miscellanea to fully make up for two years discards! Ah my dear fellow - after this barbarism of yours lets to be forty years old you will find that you can

not explain a genius even
anywhere without good reason
to apprehend that you will come
across more or less rubbish -
better and than in. for the looks
of the whole - And when the pile
of such things gets to be 6 or 8
inches thick you begin to feel
fed about it and feel in ^{some} sort
obligated to find something back -
in lieu thereof.

I leave Chicago Jan 2 via
"Evansville Route" - Nashville - Chattanooga
Atlanta - Jacksonville - Here I took the
steamer on the river as far as Sanford
and then cross over via the Orange
Belt R.R. to Clearwater -

Write to me

Care of David Starr Esq
Clearwater Harbor
Florida

Wishing you & yours a Happy New
Year I remain as ever Cordially
Yours
B. M.

Clearwater Harbor

Sunday Jan 7th 1934

(By the Deane Coleman)

My dear Mr Deane

Your letter intended
for a word of "Good bye" I
read as a greeting upon
my arrival here -

Imagine me swinging
in a hammock under a
group of live oaks - looking
up through the spaces between
green leaves and Spanish
Moss to a sky clear blue and
absolutely cloudless. Holding
my hat with one hand over
my eyes to screen them from
the glint of the rays which

fall upon me as I sway back
& forth - too bright and too hot for
my unacclimated sense - thermometer
in the shade 80° - Group of noisy
girls bathing in the surf - flocks
of noisy black birds in the trees

At first I had to get over
a feeling of disappointment that
tropical scenery was not "perpetual
spring" nor "perpetual summer"
- far from either - but I am
learning to like it - to take it
"straight" - as the old Ga. woman
said she preferred her whiskey
"as God Almighty made it"

Excuse a short letter this
time as I have not recovered
from the fatigue of my
journey.

kindest regards to
Mrs Deane - Cordially, Beth

Clearwater Harbor, Fla

Jan'y 25th 1934

Dear Mr Deane:—

It is raining— a gentle— steady— copious rain which will do a great deal of good. It is the first rain I have seen since I came here— in fact the rainfall for January up to yesterday was 2.12 inches less than the normal, while the temperature has been far above the normal. I am glad that I encountered such exceptionally delightful weather for I really began to hope that I have been benefited by it.

Two northerners were discussing Florida— gave out the first "The Climate of Florida is worth a

Hundred dollars an acre but the soil isn't worth a d-m" That's a fact" responded A. L. "Why if any fellow is planted in this soil - when Gabriel blows his last trumpet - he will not come up unless he has been fertilized."

But I must read your letter - pen in hand first and scatter after that. What a wise man you are the limit your hortarium to the Manual Regimen. Concentrating your efforts in this way the work without becoming really burdensome so as to sink the botanist in the mere curator gives you at the same time material of the greatest possible use for study. I enjoyed the sermon in "Regency" and after reading sent it home.

I can not tell you anything
at all about the flowering season
of Phoradendron. It does not
occur in this vicinity - but I
plan to stop for a few weeks
at Demorest on my way north
next spring and it is just possible
that I may be able to get it in
flower there - It was common
enough in the vicinity a few years
ago but the trees have been stripped
of it for Christmas as far as except
as a few little branches may have
escaped the general onslaught - As
I was coming down I saw huge
branches of it in the Sycamore
trees along the Tennessee river.
In one instance I counted 11 branches
each of which I estimated to be of
the size of a half bushel measure
one one three!

Will you please inquire for me
of the head gardener at the Botanic
Garden - or of any body likely
to know such things what the
botanical name is of a tree
called the "New Zealand Wattle" It
is from New Zealand but I have not seen
it - said to be a very beautiful
tree - My friends here want to
learn something more about it -
- Do not go out of your way at all
but only if the chance comes please
remember -

I had a rather severe attack
of nervous depression immediately
after my arrival which pulled
me down a good deal but I am
on the mend now. and hope to
continue - What a long summer
I am to have beginning in
January. Kindest regards to
Mrs Deane - Cordially Best Love

Cleary's Harbor, Fla
Feb 13th 94

Mr Deane:-

I have heard of
the "Wattle" in
places where it will
be found. This
letter is a
few days.

Yes the "Wattle" is
an Acacia! Mr Starr took me
a drive of three miles to see the
tree. It is a beauty. 20 ft high -
15 ft spread of branches - and
leafy from the ground up - The
amazing thing to me is the
positive assertion of the
gentlemen who brought the
seed from New Zealand that
the tree before me had grown
in 4 years! from a little
seedling set out in January
in January '90 - You may
have difficulty - the genus is
abundant in species - and in

recognizing the precise specific
identity of the plants, from the
leaves alone. But if I mist. in
not. there are specimens in my
own herbarium - of the very same
thing from a cultivated New
Zealand tree - It is probably
a tree in common cultivation
there. However it is not a
matter of any importance
since it is apparent enough
already that the plant is not
known to the trade" and people
hereabouts who want to grow
the tree will simply have to
wait till the one already
so well grown begins to
bear seed -

I had not known of D. Munro's

sickness till I read of it in
your letter. and am glad to
learn from your postals of
later date that he was "more
comfortable"

Had I been granted the
privilege before leaving home
of asking for such things
as might serve to render
a five months exile endurable
I would not have had the
ardacity to name many
delightful experiences which
have actually come unsought.
The family here are very musical
Mr Starr plays the violin well
and reads classical music
with exceptional care and
accuracy. His sister Miss Genevieve
- a winter visitor like myself

is an accomplished pianist -
a Miss North (who is governess
in Col. Freeman's family not
head and shoulders above her
employers so far as culture
is concerned) is a very fine
singer - She comes in almost
every evening and we have
music of the very best - Beethoven
Mendelssohn - Schubert - and all the
worthies - falors - Last night
they got hold of an album of
Rubinstein duets - Miss North
singing the leading part -
Mr. Starr playing the contralto
with Miss Lescroart at the piano -
- I assume you it was fine - I
have many a time paid concert
prices for a less enjoy able
musical evening -

Remember me kindly to
Mrs. Deane - Yours ever Bess

Clearwater Harbor. Fla

Feb 19th 54

My dear Deane.

I send in the same
mail with this some fragments,
specimens of the leaves of the
Acacia - called here "New Zealand
Wattle". I doubt if they will enable
you to even approximately identify
the species - nor do I much
care. My object at first was to
ascertain the name so that if
possible my friend Mr. Allen
might purchase a young tree
of it somewhere. But I have
looked over the Catalogues of
all the leading growers of sub-
tropical plants and the few

Acacias mentioned by them I know
- and know to be different from
this tree -

How thankful I am to
have been clear outside the sweep
of that terrible storm which struck
Chicago with such unprecedented
fury - I hate cold weather - but
worse of all I hate a cold wind.
Eighty five miles an hour! Think
of it! Here spring has really
come. One of the most noticeable
changes - one which has taken me
most by surprise was that which
has taken place in the water lilies.
Three weeks ago only they were
densely clothed with thick dark
green leaves - which showed not
the least sign of being annually
deciduous. But as soon as the
fresh growth started - and the

heavy seas on account of the line
of Keys which separates the bay
from the Gulf. After supper
we have music - I think I
told you about it - piano - violin -
vocal - Beethoven - Mendelssohn - Schubert
Schumann - Renteria - all the
works - rendered in a genuinely
artistic manner -

The genial climate is
balm to my poor old throat
and I feel first rate - What a
long summer I am going
to have! I plan to go out
to Demorest and spend a few
weeks there on my way home
but am not altogether decided -

Kindest regards to Mrs
Deane -

Yours sincerely
W. L. Beebe

Flowers and young leaves begin
to push out at the tips of the
branches. Down came every last
old leaf. Down in showers - and
now the trees in landscape
affect every way. Present just the
appearance we see in the October
park in spring time with. The
same color - the same thin spray
of just expanding leaf & flower.

The weather here is simply
ideal. I am weary of raving
about it. As I write there is
absolutely not a cloud to be
seen in the deep blue sky - the
tops of the trees are stirred by a
gentle breeze. Thermometer in the
shade 74°. Toward evening we
take charming rides on the water
either by rowing or sailing -
being perfectly safe from all

Cleaverwater Harbor Fla
March 27/94

My dear Mr Deane -

Alas I have let slip
the opportunity of a life time to
display my knowledge of the world
of things! I thought that I remembered
that Acacia - and its name too -
but was afraid of airing my
ignorance instead of my knowledge.
The way it came to be so familiar
is this - I have a very fine
specimens from Tasmania and I
have been in the habit of showing
it as an illustration of the normal
development of the foliage of Acacias
in contrast with the phyllodius - One
of my stock show prices when I
have some body to entertain who wants
to "see my herbium" - However it
is better to have your independent
judgment and I am consoled -

Many thanks for your kind
services in this regard. I am
surprised to learn that the plant
can be cultivated in this open as
far north as Philadelphia - But I
will be found it does not grow
five feet per annum in that
latitude. Here it is one of the
most beautiful trees I ever saw -
its peculiar charm being enhanced
by the contrast with more formal
American types. The foliage is so
or soft, dense and feathery. That is
while individual sprays are seen to
be almost fern like the total
effect is that of a mass casting
a deep shadow. The tree too is
very symmetrical without being
clumpy. I will visit it again for
I do not remember the silver
var. does.

Last winter I carted a lot of

dries down to Georgian which I
never so much as once used -
This time I brought less and now
I wish I had four times over the
quantity - Now can I get anything
close to me as a substitute -
However I think it is very likely
that Mrs Both will come with
me next winter and that we will
rent a small house and do
"light housekeeping" in which
event I shall feel like collecting
freely for the benefit of friends
as well as myself -

In my morning walk yesterday
I came across a saucer shaped
sink hole with a pool of water in
the center - around the sandy margin
of the pool grew plentifully a
pretty little swarthen Drosera
which I have before received from
Canby and others - It was just

beginning to send up no flower-
stock and will be in good condition
for specimens or for tonight's dinner.

There is a wild spot within
walking distance of the village
known as "Witches Gulch". It is
not truly a gulch in any ordinary
acceptation of that term. But the
bed of a creek near the coast -
very near - which has been silted
up by the action of the waves
long years ago and now ~~it~~ is
overgrown with a wild, luxuriant
subtropical vegetation - tortuous
trunks draped in Spanish Moss -
branches bent down and many of
them broken under a weight of
air plants - mainly the more robust
species of Tillandsia - with a dense
and almost impenetrable undergrowth
of low Palmettos and Spanish bay nets
(Yucca). In one spot several rods

in extent from the most stately
Fern I have ever seen in its
native wilds. The fertile grounds
were densely covered all over the
under surface with brown spores
so that the two surfaces green
and brown made a striking
contrast. and as I made my
way into the temple I found
that they stood two feet above
my head. I had not realized
that such a fern growth existed
in a wild state. anywhere within
the limits of the United States.

Now I would enjoy a trip to
Boston - to see you and your
dear wife in your own home -
and Mr Rand with his
"charming" mate and all the
rest. Dear! Dear! Now res

any just Tom does interfere
with the things we would like
to do.

I like the last letters from
Orrin - He does warm me
so refreshingly on the nomenclature
question - and always writes
so enthusiastically about his
favorite Pot Desert.

A pleasant letter from Carlton
a few days ago - He is coming to
visit me after I get back - It
will be a rare pleasure to entertain
a real, live botanist - You gave me
the slip - I forgive you only
don't let the like happen again -

Very sincerely yours
Dr. L. B. Allen

After March 20th my address
will be Demorest, Georgia
I shall leave the green woods
of Southern Florida with regret
but am glad nevertheless that
the time is so near when the
time may fall northern. If
the mild weather continues I
may be in Stockton by the
middle of May, Feb 1894.

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Mr Walter Deane
7 Bowdoin St
Cambridge
Mass

Demorest, Pa.
March 27/94

My dear Mr. Deane:—

Your letter of the
18th directed to Clearwater and
portal of the 24th came to me
together in yesterday's mail—
You see you can not calculate
the orbit of Uncle Sam's mail
very well when it crosses
Massey & Dickson's line— My
wife writes to me regularly every
day. But sometimes I would be
half a week without a letter and
then get four in a bunch—
It is notorious that the delay
occurs in the Jacksonville office
but it seems to be recognized
as something that can not
possibly be helped— No letter
from home to-day and I was
so anxious to hear from & fear

The exceptionally mild weather which has been prevailing all over the north-west has been succeeded by a howling blizzard. Yesterday was very cold here with a steady cold wind blowing from the N.W. Last evening the thermometer dropped to 22° and this morning it was 11°!! -

Cold March weather for any part of the country - and I am fearful that this is but the southern stage of something a good deal worse at home -

There is nothing to collect here for the herbarium - nor will there be anything in the two weeks that I propose to stay. I plan to resume my journey Monday evening April 9th leave Atlanta Tuesday morning and be in Chicago Wednesday A.M.

Home the same day.

Almost the last day, I spent at Clearwater. I came across *Prunella agrestis* - the first time I had ever seen or found in its native haunts. It is a quaint and striking plant. The first specimens I saw came from Canby - near Wilmington Del. years and years ago - perhaps the plant grows as far north as you read. I don't know. But anyway I had never seen it alive before - and Herb. specimens had poorly represented its beauty. Against a symmetrically grouped circle of the sick. Dark-green leaves stand out the peculiar coloring of the stem - spading bright yellow - then 2 inches of milk white stem - then an abrupt change to crimson -

In fruit - or rather I prefer to say after fertilization has taken place the spadix turns green and the stem becomes a dark maroon throughout its whole length - the attractive white disappearing -

I wish I had some new cans to expand into - especially just one to receive the overflow of Salix - I have been obliged to take out all but the American species and put in an out of the way corner where they do not belong -

The idea! After all the research that has gone into the Columbian revised nomenclature that you should go and "reduce" it -

Kind regards to Mrs. Deane -

Yours cordially
Wm. B. B. B.

980 Grand Ave

Rockford Ill.

April 7 1900

My dear friends:- May

Is it possible that I have not written to you since I left Denmark? I was not conscious that they delinquency was quite so bad as that. I thought I was doing a very prudent thing when I came up to Boston to spend a few weeks there and so break up the abruptness of the transition from Southern Illinois to Northern Ill. Much inconvenience, circumstances it would have been. But it happened that I ran right into that severe freeze which was as hot as it was north. The family were quite of this opinion that I ought not to return home before

May 1st - But as I compared the
thermometer reports from day to day I
concluded there was no harm in
my turning out all day. Besides
I had planned about two weeks of
hard work and I calculated that
a fortnight of inclement weather
would be rather advantageous than
otherwise since it would give me
a chance to work indoors free from
temptation to walk out and
dig in the dirt instead - After three
months spent in the open air and
having two weeks of confinement I
thought I could stand just as well
as not. Well, I came home about
the middle of April. The day before
my arrival was the best of disagree-
able weather. The next day was better
however and day after day suc-
ceeded this thermometer up to 40°. No
frost - no chilly night even -

How the garden did grow! I had
everything / piled up against me
in a heap - garden work - family
cases - millinery work - what not. I
tried and relinquish a simple one
willingly and yet I felt that I
really accomplished less - worked
less effectively. From not being
able to decide promptly what to
take hold of first. And this is
why my correspondence runs so
disastrously behind. I have not
yet caught up. I returned Fox's
drawings of our Antinous Colonnade
for Dargatzis below a few days ago
with 18 pages - save the mark! - of
notes - suggestions - and corrections. I
feel a little shaky as to how far
will receive them all. But there
criticism and I call Taffy some what

was mounted. and he in all full
devotion to the mission on which you
are now he is no better as pleasant
known.

What a sad story you tell
me of Dr. Mornings last days. It
seems to me as if a great mistake
had been made somewhere - as if
somebody near the Home I know
not who. That a man of Dr. Mornings
nobles character and attainments should
go through life - no doubt striving
day after day "to do the right as
was given him to see the right"
bringing up a family, of children -
and bearing all this sorrow and burden
beside that misfortune - following a more
than average reputable place in
society - and after all these to be
left alone - friendless - in a
hospital of a strange city far
from home three months - to die

or it all wants to melt. I run into
the dark valley till he himself
became conscious that the close
was closing over him. It seems
all wrong.

In reply to your inquiry
I must say that I know almost
nothing of his life - Mr Taylor
(a prominent lawyer of this place)
was a classmate of his. I will
ask him what he knows. My
correspondence with D. Morley began
almost with the beginning of his
interest in botany. When he was
Pracher first and botanist only
by way of recreation. Letters were
exchanged frequently and afterwards
while always retaining a kindly
feeling of friendship which was
uninterrupted when we had met.

The letters were from me 3 of
returning and for the last time in
my years I have kept track, as
it were, of every old correspondence
through the year.

If Mother had written to you
at any time as I have been
in of course "I must write to Mr
Deane" you would have been
well supplied by this time.

O yes! we go to Concord at the Lake
you July & Aug. - Whether possible
Mr & Mrs Deane?

The children will not let us go
in the cottage at Concord - and
the summer sitting - but if it were
not to please them Mrs B and I would
go quite as usual - and stay at home
all summer.

Kindness and the Mrs Deane
Cordially
M. B. Lath

P.S. In a small coll.
of Willow made last
summer in the Pyrenees
this by Mr. Moss at
first a new variety of
G. Baccharis and I am
wondering to get a good
name for it - Recently
the same with 574 of
of G. Baccharis are
quite morphologically
leafy perianth etc. but in
this new form they are
closely allied.

Very truly
yours

and P. Broulanger, and
sincerely hope we should
be in better the day
simply P. Broulanger was
interested in some of the
suggested something
better than others
something expression of
the fact that comments
which we have to come
across time the day from
out with as deeply interested
to see with it in a considerable
by way of showing the
great approach from in the
time and place, while this
time is continuing

980 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill.
May 22, 1911

My dear Mr. Hanna -

Just came from
Chicago after a week's visiting
among the sick - and with the
life almost beaten out of me -
I can not stand much in the way
of excitement and irregular hours
and yet I can not leave the town
to avoid both.

The boys wanted me to join them
in an excursion to a favorite collec-
ting ground of theirs in the Lake
States near Whitish, Wisconsin. I was
quite as eager as the rest of our
company, we took an early train
and did not get back till the next
day after dark. We had a week

of a circle and a half along the
lake shore, after leaving the R.R.
station and then turned off into
what was expected to be a region
of picturesque sand dunes and
large, heavily wooded pine woods,
open and sunny in their location
on the water and the plants of
the sand dunes a few rods away.
More for shade - our stomachs for
darkness - where we could look on
and see dunes with a feeling that
we were far removed from modern
civilization - In the very peace
and quiet of my entertainers we
discovered that this whole district
has never had been taken hold
of by a land improvement society

The boys had just all been from
my stable kitchen discharging into
the lake. The trees cut down or
pulled up by ^{the} roots with some
portable machines - and the whole
surface burned over.

It was while I was making
my excursion at Bismarck that
the severest and severe frosts in
the history occurred of about 100
years. Further seen reports in the
newspapers - a fall of fifty
degrees in twenty four hours
from 45° to 85° - the cold being
accompanied by high winds.

There blowing a gale of
40 miles an hour with dashes
of rain and flashes of snow.
Probably this was a left of all years

We also to having over 100 on the
ground and very warm. There
was much to be seen but a more
distinctive part. With the last
winter only I began some other
growing at 10 ft. and in with
and losing part of the
number of 10-12 around very
much with one dead.

Another illustration of the
power of driving, friends and
others, I have to keep you?
unpleasant in capital and
together over all.

It is possible that I did
not acknowledge the receipt of
some interesting paper on the
same ground. I am so busy at
and sometimes also the for, the
and under the other way in

and it can travel in any
direction. This very movement has
it seems written to your before
me. The whole story of our trip
to Australia.

Yes it is 980 yards from
here but you see these having in
the same place and on the
same ground. Protection hole
that have craters at 60 feet apart.
While in the volcanic portion of the
city. In other words we were back
from each other. It is very
faint in fact. There were craters
nothing of magnitude as you could see
craters from this other is a
and the smaller it was the other
city was as mentioned. The same

our very best wishes of love

I shall want to see you
often in the Gazette House &
will rather know the way
to the friends at Colburn's

Paul says that you are schooling
him - you look up good as
then as I hope is well with
him from home - we
will be there off to - Poor Paul
seems worried and half sick.

He is evidently doing the best
he can under the circumstances
and I hope to work that way
myself as much as I know the
circumstances, you may see
the one like predicament

Cordially as ever
Wm. L. G. Allen

boundaries - Chicago is
beginning the swarm in
- from overcrowded Geneva,
& Delavan. and I fear it
is only a question of a
few years when the place
will become altogether too
much of a resort to suit
our taste. One comfort is
will raise the price of lots
and we can sell out at
good advantage when we
want to. Owing to the
stoppage of freight on the
Rock Island R.R. Rob and
Arthur were enabled to
spend more time than
usual with us this sum-
mer. There will be only
two of the young Bettins
at home this winter.

Landerdale, Wis.
Aug 12th /94

My dear Mr Deane.

When our garden
at home was in the height
of its glory with June roses
for a grand finale to the
bloom of spring - the lawn
soft and verdurous - the
shrubs beautiful in their
varying shades of fresh
foliage our friends would
say to us that they could
not understand why we
should wish to run away
from such a place. But
we have learned by our
years experience after another
that there can be no satis-
faction in staying through

the midsummer droughts -
to see the lawn turn brown
and the borders grow unattractive
time in the history of Horn
which marks the intermedium
between spring and autumn.
This season the difference
has been especially marked -
the early part was just
ideal - As Martha says we
gave away "bushels of
flowers" and yet there seemed
to be always a profusion
left. but even before we
^{came away} ~~left~~ things have begun to
dry up and since then the
heat has been - we are
told - something the like
of which has not occurred
since eight years ago -
Here, in the shade of trees

catching the breezes that
blow from off the lake and
in a cottage built especially
for midsummer occupancy
we keep very comfortable
I fancy however that we are
enjoying Landerdale at
just the most comfortable
stage of its occupancy - It
is much easier to get all
kinds of supplies - The
woodburn element that some
years ago was wont to
indulge in horse play
at the expense of the
peace and quiet of the
better class, have been
completely suppressed - but on
the other hand we have a
fine hotel and lots of

could not see it after all.
Cause why - the plant
was not a variety of
Pasclayi but something
else - namely a freak -
wholly unexpected of
S. Barrattiana. ~~for~~ ~~in~~
all the specimens heretofore
known of this rare plant
from Central America - the
character of the type as
being strikingly silvery
sidely throughout has been
invariably sustained. when
here comes the first U. S.
representative with not a hair
on it, and Dr. B. B. came near
being fooled in consequence

Sincerely yours
Miss Webb

quite a "come down" from
the long perspective
of the tail piece to one
of your letters goes up.
Walter starts in on a
4 years course at Medical
College and will on a
course of 3 years at the
Dental School - so there
will be only Martha and
Frank left.

But it is time I found
a word of acknowledgment
for your interesting letter
from Kennebunkport. The
list of maritime plants
and especially the
mention of Hells, Me

reminds me very forcibly
of the things I used to
get years and years ago -
from the Rev James Blake -
- not always in the best of
specimens. I believe the
first Carex Norvegica I
ever saw he sent me
from the vicinity of "Hells
Fire"

I have a big job of
"dead work" laid out for
this fall - if I can hold
myself to the performance
thereof and find myself
physically able - namely to
sort over and arrange all
my duplicates - I know
beforehand that there will be
lots and lots of rubbish

to discard but I feel
almost equally certain that
mixed in with that rubbish I
will find quite a number of
very choice specimens - not
always of my own collecting
by any means - which have
been held simply because
I did not know where to
find them -

What has become of
Rand. I have not heard
from him in a long time.
Is he at Mr Desaut or pepping
away at "proof"?

It was really too bad
that after getting such
a good name for my
supposed new variety of
Salix Barclayi that I

day the remaining cottages
were worn more than
aspect of hospitals than
of places of pleasurable
resort. Appliances have
been sent out from Chicago
and to-morrow the patients
will be removed to the
Rockford Hospital. We
will stay only long enough
to close up our cottage
and follow Tuesday of
next week. It seems
incredible but only 3 minutes
elapsed from the time of
the first alarm till the
roof fell in. Everything
was as dry as tinder and
the house was a mere
shell. Built for summer
occupancy - We were all

Landerdale Wis
Aug 16th 1894

Dear friend Deane.

A tragic calamity
was cast a deep shadow
over the Rockford Camp and
we are all going home
sooner than we expected to.
On the evening of Aug 8th
even after the family had
retired for the night Mrs
Hollenback's cottage was
burned. Mrs Hollenback's
mother, an aged and very
nervous person became
dazed so that her daughter
Mrs H. was obliged to seize
her in her arms and leap
from a second story window
through the flames. Both
women were burned very

seriously and the elder
sustained serious fractures
of the hip and the bones
of one foot. Saddest of all
the domestic - Oscar Fallon -
deceased to us all by her
cheerful disposition and
many excellent traits of
character - lost her life -
She had the best chance to
escape of any one. But
evidently lost her head and
left her own room for one
where she had ~~seriously~~
thrown herself on the bed
face downward. Ten thousand
men could not have saved
any one from that fierce
conflagration who did not
save themselves. For the
time is lost - only a
few minutes - I never saw

such a terrific - perfectly
awful blaze. Just at the
moment when the heat
from the burning building
was at its height. The
trees round about were
raised to the point of
combustion and ~~the~~ house
trees and all flared up
in one tremendous roar.
For a few minutes it
seemed as if our house
which stood only 90 ft
away must certainly go
to but by this time there
were 30 or 40 men on the
ground and by dashing
water against the side
of the house and covering
the roof with wet blankets
it was saved. Since that

glad that Mattie had left
us that very day to spend
a week with a friend on
Delaware Lake.

I had a letter from
Pearl the same day, I
received news and the
pumps came in the
next mail - I must take
time to look them over
before I can write to
him. It would be the
last thing, in the world
for me to get my mind
diverted in some way
from rolling bandages
- and the smell of carbolic
acid, but I can not do
it so long as we are

right in the midst
of the dreadful suffering
which so engulfs our
sympathies and every
energy -

How much of both
suffering and achievement
is being crowded into
the life of our "old friend
L. H. Bailey" - I read
a paper of his embodying
the results of an immense
amount of work and the
next thing I hear he is
under the saw and knife
again. - I shall await
with impatience your next
letter.

Sincerely yours
Wm. L. Webb

980 Grand Ave

Rockford Ills

Aug 29 / 34

My dear Mr Deane:-

We returned home a week ago - Our front garden looks the picture of desolation after two months of mid summer neglect - with only two insignificant showers in all that time to mitigate the drought - I had made arrangements to have the lawn mowed but the grass has not grown at all -

My wife called at the Hospital yesterday - Both the unfortunate women are doing nicely - much better than we dared to hope they would at first. Mrs Hollenbecks face was so badly burned that the skin over the whole face was taken off - The burns were not deep and the surgeon assured us that she would be much less likely to be disfigured than if there had been burns in patches with patches left. It seemed hard to believe but she now has the bandages

removed from her face and my wife
tells me I would be amazed to see
how little trace of the severe burning
will be left. Of course the new skin
has not yet assumed a normal flesh
tint. But our friend who was a pretty
middle aged woman with a bright
attractive smile looks finer now than
quite her old self again. Her mother
Mrs Brown will be much longer con-
fined to her bed on account of the
fracture of hip. Her removal was
effected without causing any extra
pain or discomfort. Her body was bound
to a long splint which reached from
the armpits the whole length to her
feet. The broken limb being bound
securely to the same splint. Then she
was placed on a specially prepared
cot. Her body supported on all sides by
long slender bags of straw. Making
a yard width of heavy cotton cloth
she was then bound down to the cot
- gently but securely. The cot was lifted
into a van where it was suspended
on four spiral springs. One strong
man rode at her head and one at

her feet so that as the carriage went up hill or down they lifted their respective ends and so kept the car level. Mrs Waldo said that she really seemed to enjoy her ride into Elk Horn and remarked that she had felt no jar as painful as she had before experience by persons pressing against her head.

We staid only long enough to close up our cottage - and then came home.

Yes! Rand has sent me a copy of Mrs Flora - and I like it. It is a comfort (certainly to one who half suspects himself of being an old foggy) to find things in some intelligible sequence and not all turned to their end to - Then the style is simple - direct - dignified - The Catalogue carefully prepared - and remarkably free from typographical errors - In fact a pretty close scrutiny failed to show a single letter out of place - I know just enough of this sort of thing to know that it means lots and lots of hard work -

Got all my old duplicate bundles
down out of the attic this morning -
Have made room for work in the
barn - improving two long (14 ft) Tables
- There is a big pile of the old stuff -
and I rather dread attacking it - but
will limit myself to one hour a
day for a start - Walter carried
the bundles down for me while I got
them ready - getting ready consisting
principally in unpacking boxes and
tightening bands.

Yours cordially
Wm. L. Webb

and had a Dolorous
tule to tell how he had
labored over the flats of
tidal mud collecting
specimens - came back to
his hotel dead tired.
But with just a sprinkle
enough left to wash out
his plants in clean
water. Then how he left
them in the wash bowl -
overslept the next morning
- hurried down to breakfast
and returning to find
his specimens in press
found that the chamber

980 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills
Sept 23^d 94

Dear Mr Deane:-

When giving me
an outline of your plans
for the summer I think
you wrote that you expected
to return home Sept 24th.
So this will find you
once more surrounded
by your dearly loved
books and plants.
Possibly it may lie on
your table for a while
and greet you in your
return from school.

For I fancy from your
long tarrying at Jaffrey
that you have not
given yourself any
margin. But return
just in time to begin
I hope the summer has
treated you well and
that you have gained
much refreshment of
both body & spirit.

Jaffrey must possess
rare attractions to draw
you and your wife
thither year after year.

Has Tillaea simplex been
"long lost" - Dear-a-me
I have been so long lost
myself I don't know
what botanists are getting
or what not these days.
I wonder if the locality
where Canby and I
collected it on the E.
shore of Maryland in
1863 has since been
destroyed. We found it
growing with Micranthemum
Canby had found it the
week before we visited
the place in company

maid had dumped the whole business into her slop pail and carried it off. And that was why we were collecting Fellaea over again!

I am still paying away at the red duplicates - not a brilliant job by any means but I hope to enjoy the results if I do not the process. After all however even the process has flashes of redeeming interest when I come unexpectedly

upon something collected
perhaps thirty years ago
and which I had for
long supposed that I still
possessed only the specimen
in my cabinet -

I am rather surprised
to find that my really
active work in the
field practically ended
with the season of 1877 -
- Seventeen years ago! It
does not seem to me so
long ago as that - Lots of
old culls to burn up!

Sincerely yours
J. S. Dibb

the holidays. We will most
likely go to Demorest, Ga. and
do "light housekeeping" living
upon all the delicacies which
the southern markets afford
such as "side meat", corn
bologna. Georgia beef, canned
fruits, genuine corn whiskey.
I think the climate is a
better one on the whole for
me than that of Southern
Florida. At all events I would
like to try it again and
the fact that I know the
place and know what we
can do there in the way of
securing quarters has much
to do in influencing our
decision.

I sent off to W. W. Bailey
only a few days ago some

980 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Nov 10 1894

Dear Mr Deane:-

I am feeling so
much better this fall I have
even had the temerity to
promise Dr. Borton to have
ready my monograph of North
American Solms by the end
of next year. That may mean
the filling up of the "bip
ocket" again -- or he warned
in time. Now I wish Lloyd
lived in Chicago. I have
no good reference library
for use in botanical research.
anywhere within reach. though
I must confess I have never

seen the Catalogue of the
Newberry Library. It may
be better than I imagined
though I apprehend that it
does not contain a working
collection of botanical books.

I wish you would send me
one of your little sheets of
Communa Valdiviana. Every once
in a while I am seized
with a desire to keep up my
general herbarium - and this
is a flicker of that emotion.

I wish now I had not
spent so much time, money,
and energy in accumulating
a general collection. But it
may be of use sometimes to
somebody.

I have a small collection
of Salices made by Tom
Leiberg in eastern Oregon
during the past season. He
reports upon the Dr. Conille,
and Dr. Robinson will send
me soon a little collection
made by the Peary relief
expedition which I am to
name inside of two weeks.
Just a few "grab ups" I expect
such as Arctic collections
generally are. After this I
will begin in earnest on
the monograph. I know the
plants well enough but am
unfamiliar with the literature
part of the work -

My wife goes south with
me - if I go at all - after

special suggestions regarding
the collecting of Willows -
There has not been time as yet
for a reply. The fact is
the good collector of other
things will naturally make
good collections of Willows
and when I came to limit
myself to such directions as
would not be given fully
and explicitly in the body of
his work, for plants in
general, I found that I
had very little to say.

Mrs Hollenbeck and her
mother - about whom you
kindly inquire. Some not
in the end recovered from
this terrible accident so
fully as their friends at
one time had reason to

Hope they would, Mrs H.,
has recovered from her
burns but is in a weak
depressed nervous state while
her mother, an old and
feeble lady at best seems
to be losing her mind
altogether. The strain from
first to last was a severe
one met at first by a
strength of endurance which
filled us all with surprise
ending at last in a break
from which we had begun to
hope might be averted.

We have had a solid week
of dull, cloudy weather, some
sun. some rain. Chilly winds
and no sunshine. I long for
a change -

Cordially - as ever
Mrs. B.

980 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Nov 22/94

Dear Mr Deane:—

Has Miss Grace E.
Cooley returned from Europe? Is
she now at Wellesley? I should
like to know—

I have been working over
Willums with more of the old-time
enthusiasm than I would have
believed possible two months ago—
Have had four collections to name
One from Alaska— One from Greenland
- Peary Auxiliary Exped coll. sent by Dr
Robinson— One made two years ago
on the Snake Plains of Idaho by Dr Ed.
Palmer— and one from Eastern Oregon
made by Mr Lieberg. The most inter-
esting thing— The Alaskan coll
was *Polix notrata*! This species has
a known range from Labrador to

the Cascades. and from Arizona to
St. Franklin on the Mackenzie but as
it has never been reported from
the coast anywhere between the
Coast Range and the Pacific I
was completely surprised to find it
turning up in Alaska. The Greenland
collection represents only two species
namely *S. Brownii* (= *S. arctica* R. Br.) -
and *S. Hanson* with extrinsic and
juggling misidentifications. none the less
difficult to determine satisfactorily
from the fact that the specimens
are in the main mere "good who"
- as we expect them to be under
the circumstances attending their
collections - Dr. Palmer's collection has
given me something of the full
good over. I described years ago a
beautiful specimen from the Sierra
Nevada as *S. Guyerana* - subsequently
it was referred to *S. macrura* with

as a var argentea, I surmised that
the difference in habitat might
account for a marked difference
in appearance between the two. But
now the var argentea - so called - has
turned up in Idaho right among
S. macrocarpa you might say - and
in specimens so exactly like the Calif.
specimens that even the two mixed
up together nobody could tell which
was which. This has been an "eye
 opener" to me and I rather think
now that argentea is a good species
for which I think of taking for
a name leucocarpa or sericea.
I can't decide which I like best -
both in allusion to the silky white
appearance of the plant in contrast
with *S. macrocarpa* - It "beats the
dutch" how the changes have been
coming, on alba, argentea & sericea.

argyrocroci and argyrocroci - series -
and sericeus and so on - Argyrea
does not appear to have been used
but it is not so much the silvery
appearance of the plant as the
salmon-white of its vestments which I
wish to express.

Sometimes when you are at the
herbarium I wish you would see
what Arctostaphylos has to say about this
Salix pentandra var caudata - and if
it is not too outrageously long copy
for me - There are no specimens extant
that I can find and I wish to see
what internal evidence - as to speak -
the description itself may afford against
a disputed question of nomenclature.

We are having a dull monotony of
cloudy days. Occasionally the sun will
appear for an hour or two but I think
I am safe in saying that we have
not had one clear day in three weeks.

Sincerely yours
M. J. Peck

980 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Dec 27/94

Dear Mr Deane:-

I have an item of interest to communicate to Miss Corley in relation to one of her arctic Willows. I had not heard of her return from Europe -

Salix pentandra L var candelata
Nuttall. Sylva vol 1. p 61. tab 18.

I had no thought of your finding any difficulty in making the reference as I would have been more explicit - I am glad however to be obliged to look up the exact page &c for I see there is a plate which I had forgotten. It is twelve years since I had the book in my hands - Am I asking too much if I ask you to send me a tracing of this plate. Nothing

studied and painstaking at all
- but just outlines.

I have a good deal to do
and a good deal to think about
in the next three weeks. Family
arrangements in case Mrs B and I
go south after the holidays. 3rd of
Williams to report on and return
to the Agricultural Dept. Some
administrative work in closing
up the estate of the sister who
died a year ago - Christmas -
something of a fust - albeit a
pleasant one. To an old gentleman
who can already count up 18 lineal
descendants - and more a coming

Housebound but still feeling
pretty well. I go out whenever I can
the exercise in the open air is good
for my general health whilst exposure
to a chilly atmosphere is bad for my
throat. It is hard to tell just what is
best,
More anon - Cordially
Edith

980 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill
Dec 4 1894

My dear Mr Deane:—

You have anticipated
my desire. Your letter with inclosure
- tracing of plate and all was
received before my last was out of
the town of Rockford. Many thanks
for your kindness. Sudworth, of
the Agricultural Dept. - mousing for
old names to set up on purely
literary evidence. Published a note
in Garden's Forest a year or so
ago saying that if Mr Bell was
right in citing *S. pentastoma caudata*
Audall as a synonym of *S. lassana*
Fendleriana (Anders) then the name
Fendleriana should give way to
the older *Caudata*. I am now
prepared to say without recommending

over the question for a while that
Nuttall's name should be adopted
but it certainly looks very much
as if "Mr Bell was right" in
citing it as a synonym of
Terralieria and hence that Mr
Bridges criticism is well taken.
The very same thing was collected
by Townsend - earlier still than
Nuttall - and named in the Type
Series of the Fl. Bor. Amer "S. *lanceolata*
var *lanceolata*" but whether this
variety was published by Hooker
in the Fl. Bor. Amer I do not know
- By the way please look sometime
at your convenience -

What a long and delightful
letter you send me - I must read
it over again (for the third time)
pen in hand. Nuttall means

that only the variety of *S. pentandrus* is
native in this country - He had a fancy
for airing his knowledge of European
botany and too often gives us this
when if he had but known in the
space could have been so much
better utilized by telling us just
what he had seen with his own eyes
in the far west. Still he usually
does this well and we must not be
hypercritical.

As you looked over the Barry
Collection - Was it essentially European
Arctic or American Arctic? I believe
Hooker has said that Baffin Bay
makes the most noticeable break in
the homogeneous circumpolar flora -
and if so I suppose the flora of Greenland
is more like that of Arctic Europe
than is like that of Arctic America
about *Salix pygmaea* - I
first named the Californian plant

"*S. Guyeriana* Anders" but the *S. Guyeriana*
of Andersson is no good being founded
on ♀ aments of *S. macrocarpa* Nutt and
♂ aments of *S. rostrata*. By the time
I had found this out Saksdof had
sent me a Millon from the Banks of
the Columbia which proved to be
genuine *S. macrocarpa* Nutt - I had
some bother in determining this
beyond all peradventure for Andersson
had transferred Nuttalls name to
a single specimen in the Ken Herb
from "Hudsons Bay - Burke". But
Nuttalls species being finally well
known the Californian plant I thought
best to arrange as a variety. It
grew way up in the Sierra Nevada
while *S. macrocarpa* was a species of
the warm and humid coast and I
judged the differences observed might
be fairly attributed to difference

of altitude and exposure. But now
when the variety argentea is called
turns up in Oregon and Idaho, without
a shade of variation in the direction
of S. macrocarpa. it begins to look
to me like a valid species.

Your account of a visit to the
Gray Herbarium - with just a touch
of characterization for the different
botanists you met there I read
with great interest. Nobody but me
W.D. ever thinks to give us poor
way-off fellows these little details
which go so far to make the
picture vivid and real - For all
I have never been in Cambridge
since our correspondence began
I remember well the location of
rooms - desks - passage ways &c at

the herbarium - Does Dr Robinson
occupy the dwelling or is Mrs Gray
still there?

If a series of "Notes from my
herbarium" is going to appear in the
Gazette then I am going to renew
my subscription! I dropped the Gazette
a year or two ago because it made
me read often than it brought the
least bit of inspiration.

And here I am nearing the bottom
of my 6th page with just room to
mention all too briefly that in my hasty
reply to your postal I quite overlooked for
the time being your letter of Nov 24th Thanks
for the pretty Lesson! It is on a clean
white sheet all by itself and safely stored
away in the herbarium. (But we did not get
there till after I had one good scare lest I had
lost it - It got mixed up with Willows, as things are
apt to do, in this house.)

Enough for this time - such as
it is -

Cordially as ever
Mabel Beth

980 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
Dec 16 1894

Dear Mr Deane :-

I had a very kind letter from Dr Robinson not long since which I trust there is no breach of propriety in my sending to you the result. It will save me a good many words of explanation and I wanted to tell you that even while presenting the work for the new Flora I should have in mind - as a back ground - the preparation of a monograph for the Agrosticæ Flora - But don't tell Dr Robinson that I sent the letter or he will think I make too free use of my private correspondence -

I have put the duplicate

reference
city: caly
specimens of *Comm. Valdiviana* in
with the other. However, someday I
will find somebody who will be glad
to get it.

May I trouble you once more
to do a little copying for me - only
do not put yourself to inconvenience
on my account - just let it come
on sometime when you are at the
library on other accounts - This
time it is *Salix rhomboides*, Pall.
Fl. Ross. ed. min. p. 167. (as quoted by
Anderson) Pall. Fl. Ross. P. II. p. 84.
[as quoted by Hooker and Arnott] In
addition to this will you please
give me the descriptions of the same
species in Ledebour Fl. Ross. III. p. 12.*

I don't know what I am asking of
you - it may be too much especially
at this busy season - but do I tell
you how and don't let me "impair
your good nature"

We have had exceptionally
pleasant weather since the
first of December - no snow

no disagreeable winds and
a mild temperature. But I imagine
from the way the wind is
howling around the house tonight
that our pleasant days are
over. It has been very
fortunate for me as I have
got out most every day for a
"constitutional" and am well
braced up for a fortnight
of housing - if I must take it.

I have sent all the Willow
collections back except one -
Mr. Lieber's - made in eastern
Oregon. He struck one locality
written on the labels as "In water
1 meter in depth at Swamp Wells
North slope of Paulina Mtns - alt. 1690
meters" where he got three willows
every one of exceptional interest
but one particularly so. I intend
to make a careful study of it

to-morrow if it is a clear day
for microscopic work - It is in
relation to this matter that I
want to like the description of
L. rhamnosolia, Pall.

I wonder if that big pile of
money controlled by Chicago
Universities will not eventually
buy the services of our friend
Gibber - I should rejoice on
several accounts if it did - It
would make a botanical institute
of a College President out of one
who whatever may be his qualifications
as an educator one of the fraternity
would be glad to see wholly devoted
to his favorite study - There would be
his direction - with ample means
at his disposal we might have
a botanical center built up
which would be of incalculable
benefit to us poor devils who
have the support of our friends
and for all sorts of helps -
Ever cordially Beth

980 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills

Saturday evening, Dec 29/
1894

My dear friend Deane

Thanks for everything!

I want to write you a long
letter. and I will soon -

House chock-full of children
home for the holidays -

lively is no word for it!

Willows just where I left
them more than a week ago -

not touched since - Your kind
services very helpful - will

tell you all about it -

This cold weather is

hard on me. We are planning
the gift of smokes about the 20th
of January. - Do not see how
we can leave before then.

Kindest regards - and
best of good wishes for the
new year to yourself and
wife -

Ever truly
Yours
Wm. L. Webb

980 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill
Dec 31 1994

Dear Mr. Deane:-

I must tell you the story of a Willow the identity of which you have been helping me to determine - To begin with there is a little group of species represented principally by Salix rhamnosifolia Pall and S. fuscescens and known hitherto only as growing on Kamtchatka and Alaska - The species - as species - are little known - ill defined and much confused but the group - as a group - is well marked - its characteristics and affinities being clearly recognizable. Now comes the interesting part of my story - Mr. Leiber, was collecting birds in summer in Eastern Oregon and he thus discovers on certain locality "The Pantanos where the plants were collected constitute as near a typical desert range as any

we can find on the elevated plains
of E. Oregon. The whole range is in
fact only an extinct crater, or
volcano of very large size flanked
by a system of lateral spurs and
canyons and many isolated hills
of scoria and crateriform craters. The
system is surrounded by the Great
Plains on the north, east, and south
On the west lies the Des Chutes River
Valley which separates the range from
the Cascades by a distance of 30 or 35
miles from summit to summit. The
so called "Knappe Hills" is a small
proma perhaps 1/2 acres in extent situated
in a depression in the volcanic sand
between some of the scoria cones hills
on the north slope of the mountain.
It is filled only by seepage from these
hills. In early spring the water may
reach a maximum depth of 5 ft. As
the season advances the pond dries up
but permanent standing water is
retained by seepage from the

bottom 3 or 4 feet. Water is scarce
in the region and some think men
seeing these Willows growing in the
Hood Creek a well or two a few
years since - hence the name "Reverend
Wells" & & there were perhaps 75
or 100 clumps of the Willow in the
Hood" — And this Willow, found
in this unique and isolated
locality is a new species. But
strange to say a close member of
the Alaskan group mentioned in the
beginning of my letter. It is not
wonderful that it should be found
so far removed geographically, and
never so much as a suggestion
in all the collections heretofore made
in British Columbia of anything
intermediate either in character or
situation. About its affinity with the
Alaskan plants there can be no doubt,
but if I take this as the normal
form we might almost say that

The Alaskan plants differ simply
in their modification which all
species undergo when in the
arctic - such as a prostrate habit -
long leafy peduncles - loose corolla, &c.
But I can not get over considering
one's feeling a little awe struck at
the thought now concerning the
common descent which we now predicate
of allied forms - this race and
related forms should have been
preserved in such an isolated and
unfavorable habitat for countless ages
since the conditions existed which
rendered free intercommunication possible
between the now outlying members
of the group stranded on the Peninsula
during the Ice Age - but why so rare?
Why not found before in the cold tops
of the higher mountains? - following
the mountain northward as it were
like *S. arctica*, *S. pauciflora*, *S. reticulata*
and other arctic species?

You see if I have only a little
grounded the matter over - I get lots

of things to think about all day.
I wish you would send me the
drawings of *Gmelina fragrans*, which
you generously offer. And please
do a few leaves in each case very
carefully as to margin, so as to give
me as nearly as possible an exact
copy of the original - for our next
two leaves so done and not spend
so much painstaking on the others.
I want especially of the *fragrans*
show so all well. To see just the
character of the margin - how far
serrate - or only undulate or entire
and if serrate whether with reflexed
of salient teeth.

Oh! such dinner parties! I
wish I could be a guest at just
one! - You tell me that you have
just had a pkg of rice plants
from Missouri. Your means will

is always so easily said that I am
anxious to cause as much such
hierarchy as these - I enjoy as
far as possible "from No. D. No."
Must be some Indian woman that
I never heard of before.

Our family dinner Christmas Day
was not so delicious as it usually is.
Three of the family were "sick." -
Ben Walter who had done so much for
us all as to richly deserve the warmest
Christmas possible was suffering from
a neuralgia head ache which came only
the night before. Walter had a bad
cold - and Otis's headache was not at
all less the day the least - but these
were enough well ones left after all
to hold the rest up - and we were all
so kindly remembered by friends that
we were a party of one could not be happy
of such deliciousness.

Thanks for the next letter
Christmas - Thanks to the sister with
me - William Jr and Mrs Deane - it
couldn't be one without being both - a
Happy New Year I remain as ever

Walter

980 Grand Ave
Rockford Ills
Jan 8th 1944

My dear Mr Deane:—

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My recollection of the matter is that I first wrote to you - at the suggestion of our friend Coulter - asking you to make a tracing of a willow for me - and ~~that~~ you responded so graciously that I have kept you at that sort of thing ever since - Why - under the circumstances should not I be a good-natured correspondent!

I ought to have deciphered "N. W. K." but for an honest fact I couldn't. I should have missed the force of your appreciation of the situation if I had done so -

I thoroughly enjoyed your long letter - full of little touches

of home life - and of the way things
go at the Barbary - All sentiments
- at any rate all germs of conscience
are taking some little pleasure from
its native humors and "putting it to
rest on a white sheet of Barbary
paper" I lost years and years ago
when this country was first settled -
- How beautiful the rolling prairies
were before man's encroachment!
You never saw an old fashioned
prairie "breaking plow" - It was
drawn by ten bullocks open end and
a furrow 30 inches across - The soil
was cut only about two inches thick
and was laid over as smooth and
even as the boards of a floor -
On the "land side" stood in all the
purity and freshness of its pristine
beauty the native vegetation - on the
other was a black field with not
a vestige of living plant to be

in yours -

I don't know whether I have
two for or not. but receipts of grain
are as high as the Rock Island R.R.
thus Rob will let Arthur off during
the first two months that ripe and
I am gone and he is coming out
to stay with Mother and Frank and
the three will keep the home open -
March 20 matters finish your at
Medical school and then he
will take Arts place - This is so
much pleasanter to think of in
leaving home - than to be obliged
to close the home and "farm out"
the young ones -

The "sick ones" are all well
again - We are quietly getting things
ready for the trip South - I can
stand a few extra days of cold
weather better than I can the excite-
ments of pushing Sincerely
M. L. R. L.

seen - Such an outfit - and there
were thousands of them at work
all over the country - would destroy
in one hour more beautiful plants
than have been collected by all the
Botanists of the state since the
Indians were driven out - A few
choice things were left on stony knolls
where the stones would dull the sharp
edge of the breaking plow - or in
spots too irregular in shape to
lay for cultivation but even there
gone away a few years later to
the grass and cow pasturage -
Tropaeum which grew out in the
open and upon the richest and
sunniest slopes was about the
first choice thing - Botanically
considered. to be utterly exterminated
I have not seen a plant of it growing

Demorest. 30
Feb 3/95

My dear Mr Deane:—

We left Rockford
Wednesday - Jan 16th on a Pullman
ticketed through to Atlanta without
change. We had a very early breakfast
at Holly Springs, Miss. at which point
our car was detached from the "Chicago
& New Orleans Limited" and we were
departed abruptly eastward. The route
through Mississippi and Alabama to
Birmingham was new to me. The country
till we began the climb the foot hills
of the mountains was low, flat and well
cultivated to broad modern methods of
farming. But was so much more so than
adapted to agriculture than any I had
seen on the route over Kentucky and Ohio
except the single exception of the valley
of the Tennessee. The old stubs of cotton
were still standing in the fields
showed that a good crop had been made
the past season. The fields were large
and there were more cottonwood trees

cultivation - Still everywhere some the
same remarkable order as I
found. Lack of thrift, vice and degradation
as common as the weeds. I don't see
one mean little country "town" a sight like
this Whiskey and Wives. Idleness and a scuffle -
"poor, poor" has no effect if you can get
some the demerits of the original.

My wife got her first realization of
the poverty of the poor whites and the thoughtless
poor is even thought given to give with
the stern problems of their organization -
whether a slave can at the overwhelming
task. She can not get one movement from
the poor that does - for not one of them
can - the poor is not in a better state
than with the blighted, aged of slavery
the African -

Our dear old friend the English
has a number of good friends meeting,
the English men and women and the friends
of the day will be full on and the other
meeting in our own quarters. As we cannot
visit her our sister's and her sister's sitting
from our journey. and I have my own
own room with this little cottage.

We occupy the two lower rooms. The formerly
brooming their special private belongings
stand in the room outside. The rooms
are quite well floored, painted and carpeted -
clean and neat. and the furniture
is entirely along beyond our expectations.
In the front room are shown in good bed with
brown new spring and mattress. The brought in
bedding suit as per old fashion & ready-made
curtains & bolsters with expensive drapes which
drape nicely. In center of the room is a
writing - an old stone desk Thomas Clark, one
by night and with a very handsome table.
Two pictures, several small and chairs, a shelf
holding a set of the big old. Between the front
and back, and best of all a good
fire place. The room back where some
four dining room and kitchen - "we dine in
the kitchen and kitchen in the dining room"
has a good cook stove, dining table and
break stand and chairs containing are the
kitchen. Kettle - pans and dishes against it. There
is a porch and wood house with a back.
Two sets of which are paying the collection
cost of \$10.00 per month. No one but in
the house the one & the other & the other.

It is a week over now & I expect to be
left a big pile of work for the week.
So I feel no concern whatever in forming
my graduate year plan. But with you
I want to know - Thanks for Mother's house
thanks! - Many chickens are here - some for
the table, for one, 7 cents. The other
a larger one 21 cents. Eggs properly packed
from a neighbor who keeps hens 15 cents
for by - Sweet potatoes as good as
"purple" ones for about one & 1/2 as much
would like all southern grown and potato
50 cents for tubers. Broad butter and milk
cost the same as at the north. And
furthermore let me tell you that the
milk brought to our Fair Daily is from a
cow kept by the President of the Bank and
Mrs. Babbs Washburne was gone to
Atlanta this week to attend a "Suffrage
Convention" - So there! Oh it is the queer-
est place I ever got into - "clean as a door nail"
but that don't affect the things we can
have to find - a mild climate - pure mountain
air - drinking water the best in the world -
and a few weeks of quiet retirement -
I must not wait to tell you that by

the very first mail after our arrival
came the Jan. 10 of the Gazette
for which I have renewed my
subscription - and I read "Notes
from my Barbours" by Deaneau
through and through this it almost
seemed as if it were a personal
communication - Yesterday I received
the separate for which I please
accept my thanks. Barnes he
will to mark it No 1 and I "ask for
more"

I know perfectly well that I
am ignoring your last charming
letter. That shall serve me for
suggestion" next time - I ought to
have answered it long ago but I
have "been under the weather" and
haven't gotten on top of it yet and
am leaving home and getting
settled here there have been no

much to distract, I hate to spend
incompetency or weakness - and
over again tell they are worn
through but it is a "demonstration
ground" when you try to
make stress the things which
would afford so much pleasure in
the doing if you were only able -

I will try to do better
next time -

Cordially,

Paul Bell

Demarest, N. J.
Feb 17 / 95

My dear Mr Deane:

Three delightful letters in three days! What a capital Correspondent you are. I wish I could keep pace with you! It is so generous in you too to tell me of all your recent acquisitions and all the details of your museum work, when I can make no return in kind. But I get a very great pleasure out of it all & to assure you - carried back as I am by your fresh enthusiasm to the times - twenty years or more ago - when I could have matched your expenses with my own. The gathering in of fresh material from distant and before represented in any museum, the arrangement of the specimens in the glass slide cabinet - the mounting, labeling & describing the specimens

Old man must have a heart in the
work and then what real enjoyment
it affords. You must get a good
many specimens by purchase - for a
month, as I can get by your letter
you do not work hard enough though
the summer collecting - to get a
supply of material to keep up
all by exchange.

"Salix pleurostachya, Nutt" about which you
inquire is only a form of S. longifolia.
But whether you consider it as
a partly identified one identical with the
S. pleurostachya of Nutt. before or whether
not - As a general rule when forms
are entirely of one in with the genus Salix
and all the for some reason thing "or
that you look" they usually are and are
being something not at all new. Further
the genus of Salix in the Japan Flora
being no exception. Consider in this of
the genus of Salix in the Japan Flora
and a few of the same form in the

applicable to the species as
it occurs elsewhere -

While it has been severely cold
all over the north there has been
scarcely any place in the south where
such severe weather could be expected
altogether. On the morning of Feb 1st
the newspapers reported that nowhere
there was the mainland of the U. S.
was the thermometer above freezing
except at Palm Beach - Lake Worth
Florida and some of our islands 35° -
It snowed at Tampa and of course at
Clearwater - Even Punta Gorda and
Charlotte Harbor did not escape. With all
the oranges and grape vegetables frozen
and even the leaves dropping from the
water oaks Florida has not presented so
much atrocious the weather. But you

I made camp at last a very late
blizzard on Thursday morning ^{Feb 10} and
quite early. But the wind was so
blow at first in gusts and later on
with steady persistence. By the middle
of the afternoon it lay on the ground
rather cold. We were in hopes that the
wind would go down with the snow and
we did indeed stop blowing for a little
while but it came up again with a fresh
gust, a regular succession of gales which
we kept up all night. We also had
our break. Kitchens - brought everything
brought to freeze into the frost soon and
kept a burning fire on the hearth
all through the night. But the temperature
after the first snow below zero and the
cold air was forced in all ways around
and back of a house not built to
withstand such an onslaught of cold
breeze. Upon every part of the winter
effect was open fire and in morning

This observation of the whole we then
I tell you that a thermometer of water
left standing in this water cooled
over the fire now open & the
next morning frozen solid. We
were surprised to find a thermometer
and congratulated ourselves that we
were able to fall back upon very
old boarding place of two years
ago - Mr Bartelles. He has a regular
northern built house. heated by a big
wood-burning furnace. He told them
you did not care about the fire in
the end of the road only, keep on
moving! This they did - in fact
rather over did. Happily the severe
cold lasted only two days and we
were able to return to the open road
on Saturday morning after

being all over the place quite
comfortable ever since.

The sun is shining the day
and there is very moderate
weather.

Vegetation here is as completely
dormant during the winter months
as it is at the north and shows a
curious tardiness in responding to a
few warm days which is with us in N.
Illinois and I don't think anything growing.
The only herbaceous perennial which
I found out in the open occupying
ground is one which will form
plants of this kind of plant and is again
in a more or less variety of *Hebe*
maritima. I suspect the same as Dr
Britton has described under the name
of *Senecio Robur*.

I'm not sure but that I shall have a
letter to say about *Quercus* by the way the
English name is *Quercus* for the B. and
C. name is *Quercus* and the
English name is *Quercus*.

been right and that following
the rules adopted by Prof. Hayden
Mr. Sudworth was also right.
It was a small matter but
it annoyed me! The idea of
having written under one of
Mr. Fay's beautiful plates
"*S. lasiantha candida* (Kunt.)
Sudw" when I had done all
the work! When any botanist
does an honest stroke of work
doing something that I have
neglected to do - or have not done
well - we shall be happy to
in acknowledging the services
rendered, but to see all credit
slip away from me by the
mere slip of a pen was too bad!
However I tried to look at this
matter in a philosophical spirit
reflecting how many persons, so
much more worthy than I, had
suffered in the same way -
In this frame of mind I

Remond St. Mary
March 8/95

My dear Mr. Deane: -

Your account of the
way you and Bailey put in
your time makes my head
swim, runs my pulse up to
a hundred! I give you fair
warning, that if ever I do come
to visit you at Cambridge you
must shake your place or
I shall be driven to take
refuge with Rand who "never
goes out evenings except from
a sense of duty or when he
feels that he "must go and see
Deane to catch something of
his hopeful spirit".

Rand has often mentioned
in his letters instances of
Boston's arbitrary edicts and

has been earned in his
cautious hand I found, as
like cause for complaint.
But here we have not only
change but specifications. It
does seem to me that a check
should be put upon such high-
banded proceedings. Prof Butler
has such a high standing,
and so commands the confidence
of the botanical fraternity, that
a bit of wholesome criticism
from him would carry great
weight. Especially as he is
generally agreed - I suppose -
as being, on very friendly terms
with the Bulletin "set".

Now I have a story of my
own to tell - nothing with the
orgs and saving of yours but
perhaps equally charming to some
of the unit - of his quiet stay
at home, plodding paper etc.

Part of it I have told you
before, but will begin at the
beginning so as to be perfectly
understood. Two or three years
ago Sudworth had an article in
Garden and Forest in the course
of which he hit me as follows.
"If Mr Bobb is right in citing
S. pentandra & β caudata Nutt.
under S. lasiantha Theridierana
then caudata should take
precedence of Theridierana as
the name of this variety." It
had been ten years since I
had seen Nuttall's Sylva - I
let the matter run along
without revision till Prof
Sargents work precipitated the
necessity for looking the matter
up - I wrote to you - got a copy
of Nuttall's description to which
you added a tracing of the
plate. I found that I had

that is constant endeavor
effort.

From the terms of
affection and esteem in to
which R. and after referred
to his senior associate I
can well imagine how
sincerely we must mourn
his loss. Your tribute is
one which any Botanist
might aspire to win from
his surviving friends.

I have broken, past all
hope of mending, my
old stylograph - It had shown
signs of decrepitude for weeks
back but at last gave out
altogether - and awakened as
I find myself in the use
of a substitute I am obliged
to come down to a stub pen

Sincerely as ever W. S. Lobb

Happened to come across a
tracing I had made of a specimen
in the Torrey herb, with the following
label - "Salix lucida, planceolata
No 39 West H. B. & T. Rocky Mtns
Drummond" - Here was a clue
worth following up - I wrote asking
you if Sir W. J. Hooker had
published any such variety in
the Fl. Bor. Amer. - You sent me
the description which was to the
point and confirmed my
expectations but no habitat was
given. After I came down here
and had a little time to collect
my thoughts I wrote to Mr Baker
asking him what specimen or
specimens there might be in the
Herb. authenticated by Sir W.
J. Hooker as the type of his S.
lucida planceolata. I have
just received his reply -
There is only one specimen there.

authenticated and that is
the one collected by Dumma!
and corresponding, with that
which I have already mentioned.
- This settles the question! No
doubt that Hooker, not neglecting
to give the habitat of his
variety, the application of the
name would not have been so
long overlooked. As it is, now,
I take off my hat with a
smiling countenance and
graciously excuse from further
attendance Prof. Anderson with
his "Furderiana" and Mr. Audworth
with his "Candida". We have
no further use for either and,
if you please, the name is to
be Salix lasiocarpa planiculata
(Hook) Bett. I'm tickled. It
is "human nature" and I can-
keep it! It is all too funny
for any man to cut around

Mr. Audworth just as he cut
around me and check mate!!
for there is nothing back of
the Th. Bor. American -

For Mrs. Bett as well as for
myself I return thanks for
the pleasure with which we
have read the verses written
by T. Brown and little daughter.
They are indeed remarkable -

I can say to you that I would
not like to say to Mrs. R. that
they raise a question in my
mind as to the psychological
character of even a poet.
Inspiration as the poets are
wont to call it but which has
attracted much attention of late
under the prosaic name of
"automatic writing". Editor Stead
says that "many a man hesitates
to affirm that more than half of
his poetry was written automatically"

Demonst. Gen.
March 19th

carefully. But this is a
very wonderful key! This
one of Dr. Hansen and I would
some rich somebody please
go down in their pocket, the
enable Dr. Hansen to write a
"Memoir" about it, And what
in the name of common sense
could he write if he were
given the chance! With the
first sentence about this
hysteria I thought he was off
on a mental detour. The
Dr. Kellogg - But no! He was
just showing his own show.
I got all I could to get
out of this story of "where the
key was found" in our "Sabbath
Review" but my wife was not

My dear Mr. Seave:-

Please excuse the
size of a pencil. This I can get
a new stylus. For which I
have said to my son in Chicago
I found that the size of a pen
was bringing back symptoms
of the pernicious paralysis with
which I was threatened a year
ago and from which I found
a happy relief in the pencil.
I wish to speak of the stylus
pencil.

You ask my opinion of
Geo. Hansen. You ought to have
given me your opinion and I
left me to revise it if mine
differed, but since you ask

True gods! He is the German
Product of the German scheme
of education. I know German
schools well, including our
German Professor at Erlangen.
They are all German. No other
country on this globe of this earth
produces their like! Producers
talent coupled with exceptional
receptive capacity, mistaken for
working force. Our educated
egregiously self conceited - are
undertaking schemes for ourselves,
or the government. The Germans
themselves mean to do some
transcendent work when they
have out the capacity to do
the simplest thing well.
Take this Catalogue for
instance. It is a regular

school boy performance. Never
one gets the measure of them.
I found my gathering the things
omitted as well as those presented.
The Grammatical Coprocessor and
Juice Pottery left out. "Zoo
House" for the Human student,
and this too in a collection
determined by another person.
Think of the different lists
Pringle or E. Hall would
have given! Then the find is
a hyacinth bark. Dear! Dear!
What a magnificent discovery!
I venture to say there is not
a botanist living anywhere
in the U. S. who can make
find a hyacinth bark if he
were search the slightest

Let my wife go for this time.
Theres gallantry for you!
I believe some parties in
N Carolina. One messenger
at Highland, for one. send
along leaves north to be used
for decorative purposes.

I have an impression that
the attitude of Democrats in
1860 is that I may be way
off - I will engrave -

As I do not own the Review
I will forward George Botney
Barley - I have not a doubt
in my mind that he is qualified
to compile such a Review than
I fear. In fact such a
is not simply a destructive
task but a disturbance for the
purpose of preventing Words

giving the list one off or easy.
She took the story seriously and
made me listen to a lot of
it that evening. read along -
Poor fellow! He is "ill adapted"
to the disappointment.
You can not keep him!
If he would only write his
card and go to his wife
and work for the most there
is no present disturbance
as superintendent of our
experimental station. Take
his Botney as a recreation.
Being in a good leg arm
full of wind he makes a
fine next morning - Love

his wife all he wants to
and keep it as a home
affair - there might be
some hope. But this
restless unassuming passion
to be put in the way of
doing something ostensibly
for the cause of Science
but in reality, the feed the
an ordinate vanity of Geo
Hansen can only lead - as
I said before in better
disappointment - The cover
hogging too. How essentially
foreign it is - Mr American
I don't care who he is
or what work in life he
follows - would so such a

Thing But I must leave
myself more the disclaimer all matter
of picking these Gleditsia leaves, the
plant is not very common here -
grows only in a few favorable localities
all a mile or more distant. Usually
found at the foot of steep hills with
a north exposure - where there is more or
less seepage and dense shade. It is
at home and flourishes in the
mountains farther north. It now a
pleasant day and wife and I took a
walk to the rapids on Hazel Creek.
Arrived at the crest of the steep
declivity at the foot of which the
A. day grows I reasoned thus. I
can go down here or easy. It would
be lots of fun to pick the leaves.
But Oh! The getting back of me
up that hill. What should I do
but rest myself in a storage and

long enough for one
day.

Northern Georgia as a
winter resort has been a
failure this past season.
For the greater part of the
time the weather has been
inclement. For all the
information I can give
and making all due
allowance for the proverbial
excuses of residents that they
never saw the like before
it seems to have been
an exceptionally disagreeable
winter. Windy - chilly, change-
able with a prevalence of
long continued east storms.
You have - in all human

Demorest. Co.
April 12th
1890

Dear Mr. Leane -

I send you my
old, well thumbed copy of
Anderssons Salices Boreali-
Americana. Sometime
when you are up at the
herbarium will you do me
the favor to place it in
correspond with the volume
of proceedings in which
it originally appeared,
and then return the same
at Rockford
We expect to leave
here Tuesday evening

April 16th We are obliged to
stay over night in Atlanta
taking the train for
Birmingham and Holly Springs
at an early hour - 6. A. M. -
the next morning - Pass
through Chicago at 2. P. M.
Thursday and reach home
the same evening -

I brought some William
back with me last week.
after week went by and
it was not touched. At
last I began to fear
I might carry it back.
Now again all undone.
I do not like to acknowledge
myself beat in that sort

of way as about ten days
ago I braced up and
made a beginning of
denting. I know very few
men to the accomplishment
of my task. In a very
little while I became
interested - greatly enthusi-
astic and am proud to
say that it is all done.
But three hours over a
low power microscope and
drawing analyses rather
interfered with letter writing.
After I was through I felt
that for health's sake I
had laid over the table

Probably all received your
last letter to me with
Demorest. Unless I or their
wife and I might come
down here in October on our
way to Florida and stay
for a month or two of
the late autumn which I
know you find is delightful.

How delightfully busy
and occupied you are
with your husband's work.
I know what the excitement
is and the field is so
open and tempting for
fresh gratification in
that way that I am
sometimes almost tempted

To review my old activity
But after all I know
I can do better now -
much better and I am more
satisfactory to myself and
better for the owner of
me here - by devoting all
my available energy -
limited at best - to the
Willows.

Can you give me the
present address of Prof. C. A. S.
Prandall - several years ago
at either the State University
or Agricult. Coll. of Colorado.
I want to ask him something
about *Salix irrorata* -

We had a good laugh over
Mrs B. perhaps descent of

980 Grant Ave
Rockford Ill
May 3^d / 90-

My dear Mr Deane

The day after my return home I was prostrated by an attack of influenza which emptied me out of all energy of both body & mind. I do not know when I have felt so good for nothing. After two days I was as completely drained as if I had been sick of a fever for a month. I was compelled to give up everything and that too when there was so much that I wanted to do. It seemed childish not to respond to your kind letter when I find awaiting my answer and

which added so much to the
pleasures of this home coming -
and I have wanted to thank you
for paying Andersens A. A. Solius.
(which I have not yet looked over)
for the separate pages of your
Theorem notes &c. - There is so
much left undone which I ought
to have done! I am hoping
to be stronger soon, but the anxiety
of it as my friends will give
no encouragement to any such
expectations. This only as a
word of apology and explanation
I am not sick - If I lie still and
quiet I can imagine myself
capable of doing almost anything
but when it comes to the doing
- well I just have to give up
Even this. With

980 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
May 19th 1935

My dear Mr. Secor -

Goulter came out
Friday evening to lecture at
Rockford College - Arrived at 4.30 P.M.
Walter met him at the station and
drove up by the new house a
distance of a mile - Greeting - a
little desultory talk and dinner
then an hour and a half in the
parkarium - Carriage at 7.45 - for
the college - Walter and Walter went
even into the doctor. I do not go out
evenings and the night was chilly.
I was surprised to see the D-back
by 9.15 - A delightful family
conversation with about because we
knew that our guest was there.

must be up by 5 o'clock. The next
morning - Breakfast at 5:30 - Passage
for station at 5:50. - Lecture in
Chicago at 10 A.M. - We had to
crowd things you see but we did
it! - When it was announced at
the dinner table that Corbett and Rose
had recently dedicated a new parson
to one Walter Deane. You should have
heard the spontaneous clapping of
hands. - Then by way of explanation to
my guest I went on to say that Mrs.
Deane was a sort of family favorite -
Corbett (laughter) and said he understood
all that and that no doubt the feeling
was reciprocated. "Why! I'll bet you
that Deane to say knows more
about your family than half your
neighbors" - I am still awfully lazy.
Must drive myself to the performance of
the simplest tasks but promising I hope

980 Grand Ave
Rockford Ill
June 7/95

My dear Mr. Brown

If I could only
see in my book an "artist" I
would keep up my correspondence in
your style. I will not deny of all the
things I find the best written
any letter one ever shows in the paper
a letter in my hand and a friend-
ship harder I hope you will excuse
for once. I am not good for much
and I look forward more to our future meetings
at the summer before this the life
than any, more as simple as it
always has been.

I hope to have written the
you long ago by only the column the
more which I am writing. I hope and
I have both been so at times and
the quiet of the mind and I don't know

of the jasper bottle just.

All these interests when combined
in a sense of duty, in the matter of
the bridge, and the concern the
"goodness of the flock" I have been
thinking of all some other in N. H. Arthur
Dorland when I say with words you
to speak in your family and
in the matter of the jasper bottle, I have
been at work: the fact is you are the
proprietor of the bottle and I think to be the
bottle in your collection. Now we all agree
a lot of jasper, when it is possible,
should be.

These species are given for
collection. The jasper is a mass of
these and has a reddish color and on
the surface quite a number of small
cracks and holes. The jasper is of the
kind - About the greenish color
and is in the collection of
Crested and Rose and the same 9, of
the jasper for Harrison - I think of the
water pump and also in the

by putting on coat. Character. and a
man of all work. You the young be
expected to get out of it. Have
done the projects of time and
properly and I personally just rather
come in the character and so rather
but really the same one different at all!

Remember when I am stronger
and feel more like as I will
send you a little sketch of my
life. There is not much to tell.

Do you know how to be a Man
and may become of family with
your presence and man character and
fighting 22 I found them with glorious
very good time a man of character.
While I have been sitting here near
the center of the Vermont center in
company with some Man character in
just flame. I then very life center
conclude over the center and center
a center of flame the center center in

980 Grant Ave
Rockford, Ills
June 24th 1895

My dear Mr Deane:

We had planned to go up to Launceston the 6th of July but the children are impatient - the weather continues hot and dry - and altogether we have finally decided to go July 1st (just one week from to-day) instead. This shortens up our time considerably and leaves us all with plenty to do if we get all things in readiness for our departure at this earlier date - Both indoors and out there are so many odds and ends that need to be looked after when we all expect to be away for three months.

My son Robert is occupying the
cottage with his family this
month and Walter has gone up
to show them how and where to
get supplies. It is quite a matter
of experience - derived from year
after year of camp life in one
locality. We know just what
James wife makes the best
butter - where to get milk and
berries and vegetables and so on.
- Very important matters after all.
Since however we may magnify
the aesthetic side of this question
it is an indisputable fact that
life at the lakes develops an
entirely new appetite - Rappley is
called for and is satisfied with
plain country fare provided.

there is enough of it, Arthur lives
with Rob so in the absence of
the dear brothers family, instead
of seeking a boarding house he
has had Mattie come in and
keep house for him. Mattie will
go directly to the lakes when
Rob returns. Mattie writes from
Lansdowne that he went out on
the marsh (the jet minnows for
bait) and returned with an arm
full of magnificent blooms of
Cypripedium spectabile. He says that
for once he saw more than he
cared to gather.

I thought Dr Coates reply
to Dr Robinson was a poor -
weak - exceedingly commonplace

performance but since reading
D. R.'s opinion I have thought
that he ^{or} ^C would want to return to
some shady recess of the National
Museum and quit.

I have been much interested
in your accounts of your study
of seedlings - some "Notes from
My Herbarium" showed you well
of it - A Botanist need not trouble
you to find fresh objects to
interest him. and after you
have exhausted your field
near home from the ordinary
collectors stand point - and got
all the roots from the extra ordinary
collectors stand point - it is just
in a consistent order of things
that you should make this
new departure - Cordially Bill

Landerdale Wis.

July 7th 1905

My dear friend Deane -

Landerdale never has seemed more attractive to me than it does this summer. Mrs Bell made a remark last evening which I wonder it has not occurred to some of us to make before - namely - that the lakes are really quieter now than they were when we first began coming here, seven years ago - With all the cottages and guests at the hotel there is less noise and disturbance than there was in the earlier days. At that time there were half-a-dozen "clubs"

which came out every season with
the express purpose of "raising old
Red" in which purpose they were
eminently successful. It may have
been "fun" for the "clubs" but it was
a serious annoyance to the few
families that came here for a
month or two ^{to} rest. Happily, every
one of these clubs is defunct. Their
property having passed into private
hands, with the exception of the
"Belvoir" the members of which have
a quarrel among themselves - neither
party being able to buy out the
other and so both stay away.
The club now what is called "Belvoir
Island" the most valuable property
on the Lakes.

The evening of our arrival I
was told - not to say - commanded by

my better nine tenths to go and
lie in the hammock while the
rest of the family unpacked the
trunks - to lie in fact. Till I was
called to supper! Well I was all
stuffed up with dust and car smoke
- somewhat tired - and so offered a
very feeble protest. How grateful
was the pure air and the perfect
stillness of that summer evening!
I felt then - what I have already
begun to realize - that Lancaster
would serve me better than did
Georgia last winter. I have
bought a lot of willow work with
me and hope to accomplish some-
thing with it while if I do gain in
strength

I had a nice letter from
you before I left Rockford - and
another soon as my arrival there



What a generous fellow you are
not to "keep count"

I did not know how it was with
Grand Talk. But before I got the
hint from you, I had begun to
notice the morbid feeling in his
letters which you deprecate and
in my last letter to him - dropping
all trace of previous correspondence
I set out to "shake him up" and
make him realize that there was
nothing in the whole business to
give any one of us a moment's
anxiety or concern - If any one need feel
blue it is Burton - over the flat
failure of the book with a long name -
As even D Coulter remarked to me
"evidently condemned by the Botanical
fraternity" We are to have a 6th pick
which Walter Campbell yesterday asked for
dinner today - Wish you and Mrs. Deane
could be with us. Cordially Belle

Laundersdale Wis
July 24th 1905

Dear Mr Deane:-

I must write if
only to return your friends
letter and to thank you for
thinking of the pleasure it would
give me to read it. How little
we know - at best. of the terming
life all about us! I am
promising myself that in a
day or two I will write a decent
reply to your recent letters - so
full of pleasant pictures of your
vacation life. Just now I want
to submit a problem in Natural
History, the give. If you can not

solve is you will most likely
know the person who can! The
lily-pads here at the pond, and
I presume it is the same with
you at the east. are always
found full of holes of nearly
uniform size and shape, about
like this  In most cases the
hole is complete but often a flap
is left which exactly fits the
edges of the hole. thus  - Now
the question is how are these
holes made and for what purpose?
When near a lot of pads, especially
on a warm day you will hear a
constant snapping sound - like
the closing together of the two
halves of a bi-valve shell. The

opinion prevails among the common people that these holes are made by a fish. That the fish sees an insect on the top of the leaf and coming up from below - sucks the leaf - cuts the hole, and catches the insect. If this is the true explanation of the matter what fish is it that does this business? I should think it would have to have a "sucker" shaped mouth but even then I do not see how the round hole should be cut every time when an irregular capture would seem to be the most natural result of the sucking process.

I still keep "pegging away" at
Willow though I do not accom-
plish the amount of work in
a given time that I did a
few years ago. I usually begin
right after breakfast and work
till eleven. That ends it for the
day - rest in the morning, or
till lunch. Visiting - reading
social pleasures fill up the early
part of the afternoon - From 4 to 6
P.M. letters - when they get written
at all. After dinner a brief ride
on the horses till long past sun-
down - then for me it is "early to
bed" not because I am sleepy but
because it is so restful to lie
down relieved of the burden of
conventional clothes. Cordially, Beth

July 27th

95

Here is a letter
that I thought had
gone in its way
two or three days
ago.

A good refreshing
rain last night.

Why could it not have
had a little such
weather as we are
having now in
May, and June.

to save the crops
and the gardens -
However we are
thankful that the
drought that was
so severely felt about
Portland was
in a remarkable
degree - local.

There were good
rains all about us
but we got none
of them -

M. B.

Lan dale Ms
July 29th
193-

Dear Mr Deane

I feel quite "set up"
by the thought of having my
name mentioned in that goodly
list of those "well known - even on
this [the European side] of the
Atlantic" - To be sure I feel
some qualms of conscience when I
think of the better selections
that might have been made
further down in the list. But
"one cat has a long tail" for
all that - Thank you for
sending me the extract which
otherwise I would not have

seen. Your letters are worth the
Pollution and Gazette rolled into one
in keeping a secluded smelter
like myself posted as to what
is going on in the Botanical
World. What a lively time you
are likely to have at Springfield
- I hope there will be enough
Conservation present to make
the Red American School feel
that they can not have things
their own way without
opposition - they have assumed
such a dominating manner
that I am sick of it and want
to see them 'set down upon'!

Cordially Bill

I incline a cavalcade which may assume form - the fine expression
of contempt and I am dam on the counter-
in an or of the
Heggy team
dear as standing
purs to the left
of the same
they - in very
primary -
Do not bother
to return the
clapping -
Dear Mr Deane

Sawdendale Wis
Aug 19th
192-

I incline what
Paddy would call a collection of
holes! I thought I was drying
the specimens under ample pressure
but I find them very much
distorted - You must soak them
up in hot water in order to get
an idea of the true form. Do
not fail to do this.

We all read with much
interest your long letter - a sort
of "midsummer number" as the
magazines have it - Delightful
reading for the lake-side on a
warm lazy afternoon.

I shall be glad if an extra
plate of *Deanea* - I will "mount"
it on a *Antennaria* sheet - duly
enfold the sheet in a genus
cover and give it a place in
my herbarium - It will probably
be the only representation of the
genus I will ever acquire - I
have several personal friends
remembered in this way, Canby.
for one, though in this case I have
two or three collections of the plant
as well,

What you say about finding
seedlings of *Hammamelis* under the
bushes reminds me of a communi-
cation made by Hensley & Board to
Gordon & Forest (I think it was) several
years ago. They wished to raise the

plants from seed and sent up into
N. H. for a large quantity of
the seeds which were put in
thickly in a long trench - I
think (if I remember rightly) that it
was not till the second or third
year that any of the seeds germi-
nated. Then with the tardiness char-
acteristic of the species they began
to come up. These were transplanted
in due time - and thereforward
year after year - up to the date
of the communication the same
planting of seed continued to give
them an annual supply of young
plants.

We were so interested in
your account of the homing pigeons
that we actually expected a
postal by the next mail going

us the latest news.

We go back to Rockford
ten days from to-day - that is
Thursday Aug 29th. The necessity
of getting Mattie and Walter
ready for their winter in
Chicago calls us back earlier
than we would go otherwise. The
summer has been I think to
us all an exceptionally delightful
one - nothing in the future prospects
of a single member of the family
to detract in the least degree from
present enjoyment - and then it
has happened happily that so
many of the children could come
back at the same time

kindest regards of all the
Bobs to yourself and Mrs. Leamer.
Mattie says that "if you don't mind

"Many and all love to you"

980 Grand ave
Rockford Ills
Aug 31st
190-

My dear Mr Deane:-

I had intended to write you a long letter from Lauderdale before we left but I was knocked over by an attack of indigestion which for three or four days made ~~the~~ me the most forlorn, useless old fellow imaginable. We had a pleasant journey home - a rain the night before leaving laid the dust and freshened up the pastures. Arrived in Rockford Will understood to see that our baggage was got up to the house. Walter to stop on the way and get "something for supper" - leaving the rest of us to come directly home - The house soon began to take on the air of being inhabited once more. We fancy that we live in a very plain, modest way

the year 'round - and we do for a fact -
but when I went out into the dining
room that evening the table looked really
elegant. And ^{much} our estimates of modes of
living is a mere matter of comparison -

Your letters of farewell and
welcome were as timely as they were
grateful - It is pleasant to be so remem-
bered - and the most would be the happiness
if more of us would make an effort to
give expression to our kindly feelings

Thanks for the plates &c. of Deane.
especially for the "artists proof" - This
shall be mounted in my herbarium in
fine style as most likely the only
representation I will ever possess of
your namesake

When I left home I gave the
postman orders to not forward after
me "heavy books and parcels" which he
seems to have construed into an order
not to forward anything but letters -
So I have here in my herbarium now
just about half a bushel of mail which

I have not found time as yet to begin
to look at. As a consequence I have
read your article on mounting plants
though I have not touched the No. of
the Gazette in which it appeared. The
directions are clear, full, explicit. I do
not see how any one can fail to
follow you with a perfect understanding
of your methods. My mounting days
are over but I am glad to be put on
record by a competent judge as having
practised good ways while I was about
it. Only one comment or question occurred
to me. You speak of mounting a dozen
sheets before making the transfer to the
file under pressure. You also say that
you do from 50 to 60 sheets of one
evening - this gives a measure of time
and 12 sheets would consume $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{5}$ of
your time. Now I question whether
after sheet No 12 was done - if you were
to go back and examine sheet No 1, you

would not find all the adhesions likely
to be effected at all. Taken place - I
should change to heavier pressure
often and I would use a heavier
weight

I should like to read E. F. Smith's
paper - I suppose you have the manu-
script - or has it been published? Cutler
told me that he returned it - not refusing
to publish but simply asking the writer to
tone down some of his bitter expressions -
which I fancy is just what Mr. C. did
not propose to do!

Please remember me most kindly
to all the good friends. It was
nearly 40 years ago that I attended my
first meeting of the A. A. A. at
Springfield - Dr. Gray, Dawson of Montreal
Prof. Pierce - Prof. Henry of the Smithsonian
were the great lights then and they
quenched the small lights I assume you
with a very high born air -

Ever sincerely
Wm. B. Keith

480 Great Lane
Rockford, Ill.
Sept 12th 1931

My dear Mr. Lane

Prof. Langford has
been so solicitous to have a lot of
photos made of the things I am for the
purpose of giving for the library that I
have been able to do everything else
last Tuesday I sent off the above
communication for Graham and I had
sent it in some collections made by Hanson
in Manhattan and a packet of books
deals mostly with natural science. I am
very anxious to see the things which
you are - fear in the hands which
they are pretty well for me as matters
in nature. I will have some time
for other things now and I think of
all the rest to go. I will send you
later - would you please let me know
how you like? The best I can do

of the of course you are not free-
ly think and all the rest of it
"highly important" & of course to you

I find a lot of things in the way
of the of course - I. I. In the time
among the rest. There is no such
thing as really excellent and not to be
in the paper and the republicans
believe in the great and of the world
any way we can not help getting the
the authors and not submit and
I hope to the other authors of our
country, as to the Boston - I am
your ally - I can thoroughly understand
and you too are clear the meaning of
the N. N. N. But what fills me with
astonishment is the statement that the
meetings of the B. A. are a failure.
It is always seemed to me that
the Boston Convention was the best time
of all in the history of the cause.

It was about 1843 - I was then
the Secretary of the Anti
Slavery Society of America - I was only
known at the time - but they gave
me the address - of a man called
as the son of a woman left with a
family, who had only been converted by
the American Anti Slavery Society of the
New York Association

Finally very dear friend I do
not like to be known as being some
kind of a full sheet of paper
my objections as a correspondent I
will go to make all the arrangements
you can - I am sure you will
that you may all take care for some
time - the light in the night
may be as I take the liberty to
make a better and more complete
letter - I am sure for some time
I will be able to do so - I am

980 Grant Ave

Rockford Ill

Sept 24 / 95-

My dear Mr Deane :-

I fully intended to write
to you again before you left Wells
but the days have drifted by unawares
and I was surprised to find I was
too late. I should have enjoyed a
few days with you at such a place as
I imagine your Aunt to be above all
things. You know I am a farmer by
profession - never had any other bread-and-
butter calling and to this day I enjoy
thoroughly, going over a farm - managed
by somebody else. Don't imagine that my
knowledge of farming and farm life is
any dilettante matter - I know it practically
and well - and I would have been a farmer
to the end of my days if the bottom hadn't
dropped out of Western farming

Thanks for the Salicornia. How
centrifugal it is when the sun light
shines through it! Like red coral?
The plants have been greatly admired
by friends who have called - and
somehow it happened that we had a
perfect string of callers yesterday.

Well you are home again today
I hope you return from your long
vacation refreshed and built up for the
next year's work. After all there is
a certain deep-wholesome satisfaction
in getting back to the life and the
work for which one stands in the community.
One would not care to be on a vacation
all the time!

Your terms of correspondence
are very generous. I breathe the easier
to know that I ^{need} ~~must~~ not feel obligated
to "keep up my end of the lever"

I had a nice letter from Fanda a
few days ago - all about Mr Desert Asters

new stations discovered for Subularia
&c and best of all with only one brief
reference to Dr Britton - that in the
closing paragraph as follows "I am
really becoming interested in plants again,
I am rejoiced to say, and Dr Britton et al
and their numerous schemes do not bother
me very much"

I think if our good
friend would study plants more closely
at home during the winter he would
find it easier to keep in this mood.
Sometimes I am obliged to examine
carefully some ~~most~~ most wretchedly
prepared specimens - I hate the looks of
such stuff and if I stopped with looking
at it I should stop altogether - but when
the flowers and fruit are soaked up in
hot water they are just as beautiful and
interesting as any and all at once
I discharge my dingy specimens may

them into something of exceptional
interest -

I'm looking over some
undetermined Willows from the
Arrived Arboretum West I came
across a specimen of *T. Wardi*
from Tennessee - the only one I ever
saw from that state. The collector's
name G. W. Hubbard was given
and "Tennessee" without further specifi-
cation of locality - I have no recent
issue of the Naturalists Directory - Will
you please see if you can find Mr
Hubbard's address and give it to me.
I hope he is our local botanist for
I shall "dearly love" as the girls say
to get more of that *Salix Wardi* for my
own herbarium -

Kindest regards to Mrs Deane
Yours ever
Mrs B. B. B.

Sept 26th 1895-

Dear Mr. Deane:-

The inclosed letter will interest you -
Please return it at your convenience as I wish to send it to Mother.

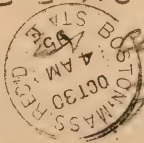
I will send you the promised bulletin when it is received.

Nice family letters from all the Chicago members of the family - Do me rights of good!

Cordially

Bob

After Nov 2^d my P. O.
address will be San Bernardino
Cal. hope to be able to
write you a letter before
I leave - We take the Santa Fe
limited
C. P. M.
Yours sincerely
Miss Bebb



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Mr Walter Doane
9 Brewster St
Cambridge
Mass

1895
Oct 28 / 96

My dear Mr Deane

Confinement to the
house in consequence of chilly and
inclement weather has been very un-
favorably on my thoughts and it has
been decided that we must leave for
S. Calif at the earliest practicable
date. We therefore, as I informed you
this morning by postal, plan to
leave Chicago No 2 - only three days
on the road to Santa Barbara. I
wish I could write you a long
letter - this is a spur. Don't the
hand writing look steady. Whiskey
my dear boy - that is all
Yours sincerely
M. S. Webb

R, FRIDAY, DECEMBER

FAMOUS MAN IS DEAD.

M. S. Bebb Passes Away at San Bernardino, Cal.

BRILLIANT LIGHT IN SCIENCE

News of His Demise Received Yesterday
—One of the Recognized Authorities
of the World in the Study of
Botany.

A telegram was received yesterday afternoon which conveyed the news of the death of M. S. Bebb, in California. The message was received by H. H. Waldo, and gave no particulars. Mr. and Mrs. Bebb went to California in October, where on the sunny Pacific slope Mr. Bebb hoped to improve his health. He was suffering with tubercular trouble, and had been in failing health for several years. It was upon the advice of his physician that he went to California, and with his wife he had been stopping at San Bernardino, where they have friends. While Mr. Bebb did not have a wide acquaintance in this city, although he had lived here many years, he was very highly esteemed. That he was not better known to the city at large

was due to his very retiring nature. He had friends in number, but he confined his confidence to a comparative few, and by them he was greatly admired. Because of Mr. Bebb's shrinking modesty it might well be said that few people knew of the wonderful talents he possessed. No more learned man ever made his home in Rockford, in fact he was an intellectual giant. Mr. Bebb was a native of Ohio and a member of a prominent family. His father was Governor Bebb, who had a conspicuous part in the early development of Ohio, and who was the chief executive of the state for a number of years. Mr. Bebb received a college education and chose a vocation for which he was eminently fitted, the field of scientific research. He was known here as a botanist, but the great majority of Rockford people and even a number of his friends were not familiar with his reputation in this line. It certainly could never be learned from the man himself. He was one of the recognized authorities of the world in the study of botany. His correspondence reached around the globe, and in his work he was associated with the scientists of the age. His correspondence was something immense, and the letters he received from every land from the leading scholars came to him as one whose authority was of the highest. He contributed largely to scientific journals, his writings in this direction being quite voluminous. While he possessed such fame in general botany, in his own specialty he was pre eminent. This specialty was willows. In this he had not a peer in the whole world. He was frequently consulted by the leading colleges of the land on this topic, and any new discovery, including the government research, was generally submitted to Mr. Bebb. In this way he occupied such a position that the city might well be proud of him. Dr. Frank Kimball was probably his nearest friend in this city. Said he last evening: "Of the older school of scientists, which included Prof. Gray and other famous intellects, he was an associate, and he was the peer of any of them."

In other fields Mr. Bebb was a man of wonderful attainments. He possessed such rare mental acumen, such qualities of penetration into the knot-tiest problems in so many sciences that he commanded the highest respect of everyone who met him. Of late he was engaged in preparing a work on his specialty in botany, which was to be added to a general volume now in preparation, and which is intended to be a work of the era in that field. None of his friends here is able to state how far he had progressed in his labors which he was so eager to finish. Mr. Bebb was a man of the highest character. He was so even tempered, so wholesome, so worthy of the homage to be paid a true man, that his influence in that way, as in the department of science, will be felt for years to come. His home life was beautiful. He was very fond of music, and lived happily and contentedly, enjoying the gentler things in life. That he was not better appreciated might perhaps have been his own fault. He was so excessively modest that he disliked even the title of professor. *per May, J. B. Herold*

Mr. Bebb was twice married. Besides the widow ~~and~~ children survive. They are Edward, Robert, Walter, Arthur, Will, Mattie, Frank and Mrs. Anna Mason, who resides in New York. Frank is the only member of the family in the city and is a student at the high school. Additional word is expected today relating to the funeral arrangements. It is probable that the remains will be brought here for interment. The news of Mr. Bebb's death is received with deep regret in the little circle here in which he was so much admired. His brother, Edward Bebb, died a little over a year ago.

Michael Schuck Bebb was born on December 23, 1833, in Butler County in southwestern Ohio where his grandfather, Edward Bebb, a Welshman, had been one of the first white settlers in the fertile Miami valley. His father was a teacher and then a successful lawyer in Hamilton, the county town to which the family removed in 1835, and in 1846 was elected governor of Ohio. The well-kept garden surrounding the Bebb mansion in Hamilton was stocked with flowering plants and fruit trees, and here, while still a boy, the future botanist acquired his first knowledge of plants and, without the aid of a text-book, learned with effort the rudiments of the science from a copy of Torrey's report upon the Flora of New York which had been sent to his father with other New York State reports by a political friend. In 1850 the family moved to a large tract of land which Governor Bebb had purchased in the Rocky River valley in northern Illinois, near the present town of Fountaindale. Mr. Bebb's love of botany was then increased by the acquisition of a few more botanical books and by an acquaintance with Dr. George Vasey which began five or six years later, and was still farther stimulated by a visit to New England where he associated with several men of science. During the War of Secession he served the Government in Washington, and then, returning to Illinois, purchased the paternal homestead at Fountaindale and devoted himself to botany and especially to the study of Willows. The largest and most complete collection of these plants which has ever been made in the United States was planted at this time by Mr. Bebb but,

unfortunately, was destroyed a few years ago, when he took up his residence in Rockford, Illinois. Since the year 1874, when he described his first Willow in *The American Naturalist*, all the collections of Willows made in North America have been studied by him; he has described the California species in *Brewer & Watson's Botany of California*, the southwestern species collected by Rothrock in the sixth volume of *Wheeler's Reports*, the Colorado species in *Coulter's Manual of the Botany of the Rocky Mountain Region*, and the species of the eastern states in the last edition of *Gray's Manual*, and has contributed to botanical journals many papers upon the American species of the genus.

The specimens which are figured in this work have all been selected by Mr. Bebb, and I take this opportunity to acknowledge my great indebtedness for the advice and assistance which he has freely given me during the last fifteen years.

Dec. 22-'93-

My dear Mr. Deane,

We are glad to answer any questions we can. Your young Mother talks while I write M.B. So far as dates are concerned we may not be able to give them very correctly. Mr. B. & I had no memory for dates not even being able to remember the birth-days of his children.

1. His grandfather came
2. This country from Wales. - before leaving was

2. - Mr. Betts father. - William Betts married Sarah Schuck - of German parentage. -

3. - Very near Hamilton Ohio -

I would to hear them speak of living on the "Dry Fork"

4. - He married his first wife

(Nathaniel Hancock)

Mae, in 1847 - and I think it was

at that time - he went to Cann bridge.

He made his second and last

visit to Cann bridge in 1873.

engaged to Margaret-
Roberts - There, of course,
was little communication
between the two countries
at that time - she
heard nothing from
him - and her parents
believing him to have
deserted her - persuaded
her to marry a young
clergyman - after their
marriage they sailed
for America - the vessel
in which they sailed,
having had on a
previous voyage a cargo
of copper and the water
was poisoned by it -
many of the passengers
died - and so their fate - and of
Margaret Roberts - I am sure
will be the same - she made her way to
the home of her brother in Portsmouth
New - there met her friend - some order
was on his way to Wales to claim her
they were ^{then} married - walked to Pittsburgh
and passed down the Ohio -
I have no means of knowing about
the year - I only know Mr. Roberts
father was born in Dec. 1802 -

5. - He went to Washington
to take a position in the
pension office - ~~He~~
He went in 1860 -

6. His father, ^{being in Washington} not wishing
to return to Illinois -
offered him two muskets
for sale - and Mr. B. M.
being fond of this
country - always wishing
to live the life of a
country gentleman -
bought it - not being
independent financially
endeavored to make
his living there from -

7. He married Anna
E. Carpenter of
Providence - R. I. in

He possessed a great deal of skill as a
draughtsman - his mill and turbarium
~~the~~ ^{local} pictures of it -

9. He first publication was the mill
of Lake Geneva - so far as I know -

10. About ten years ago he took an
attack of pleurisy from which he
never fully recovered -

He purchased this place Friday
Dec. 13-1895 - and the body was
laid to rest in the middle

Feb 19-1867, The second
time he was married
8. He started on his
willow work about twenty
one years ago - as he
already has said in
his article. The number
of willows growing ^{near}
Mountaineer Lake, to be
particularly interested
in the work. - At about
that time Dr. Gray
desired him to work up
the willows of California
and that so near as
I can remember
seems to have been his
first real work on
willows.

When the willows grow on a bit of
lowland lying along a creek and
are disturbed by cultivation: and
only be overplanted the place
completely ~~planted~~ ^{reseeded} ~~reseeded~~ -
The *Salicinium* sp. composed of now
and every few forms of our native
willows which grow well here by
irrigation ditches and also a fine
collection of European willows
sent by Dr. Hooker from Steier

cemetery here at Rockford.
If we have not gone
fully enough into
details - we will be glad
to know where what we
write is wanting, and
give you more.

dictated Anna E. Bebb.

I found the envelope
in Mr. Bebb's pocket
among the letters he
had taken to
California hoping to
to answer -

Brookford
Oct 20/90

Dear Mr Deane

The Doctor

gives us every encouragement - or fear as the nervous trouble is concerned - but what Mr Bibb needs now more than anything else is a complete change of climate and occupation.

He has done a great deal more botanical work in the last four weeks than he ought

to have done - but it
came to him in a way
that seemed to imply
personal obligation
and he could not
refuse.

I have always sym-
pathised with my
husband in his
botanical pursuits & but
for once I am so impatient.
I can not tell you -
to have them stop -
completely.

Matthie is in
Chicago - at 6849
Stewart Ave. Station
O - my home is at

Truro; but in the main
happy in her work.

My kindest regards
to Mrs Deane and
yourself.

Yours Sincerely
Anna E. Deane

for sale? Was Mr. Bebb
quite independent at this
time?

7. When did he marry &c?

8. I want to know just when
& how he started in his
Willow work. I want to
know more of that "bit of
prairie where the wild growth
of Willows flourished" also
about his *Salicetum* which
he planted, and his skill
as a draughtsman.

I wouldn't tire you
for anything, my dear
Mrs. Bebb, but what you
can tell me of these things
will be most useful. I
want all the facts I can,
especially about his willows

9 Brewster St.,
Cambridge Mass.
Dec. 18-1895.

Please return this
Letter

My dear Mrs. Bebb:

I was very much
gratified to receive this
evening your husband's
sketch of himself, and

Letters from your sons,
Edwin & William -

I have read everything
with the deepest interest
and I can't be ^{grateful} too to

you all for helping me
so materially. Many
questions will come up
which I shall ask you
from time to time, and

I hope I shall not in-
troduce too much upon
your kindness - Your
husband's sketch makes
me so want to know
more -

1. Mr. Bebb says "My grand-
father floated down the
Ohio River with his young
wife, in a flat boat the
year after the first settle-
ment at Marietta. He had
been a pioneer for 3 years
before, opening up his
farm" &c

Does ~~that~~ mean that he
brought his young wife down
the river to his farm
in 1789? Marietta was
settled in 1788. Where

did he get his wife?

2. Whom did Mr. Bebb's father
Wm Bebb marry?

3. Do you know in what
part of Butler Co. this
farm & house were?

4. In what year did Mr.
Bebb come East? It was
some time before the War.
What induced him to
come?

5. What took him to
Washington during the War?
What position did he hold?
When did he go and what
did he do?

6. How was the old
homestead in 1867 offered

The 7th. Gazette and I
shall have a month
before I must hand it
in. If you feel too
tired to write these answers
perhaps Miss Mattie might
write what you dictate.
I don't know whether
Miss Mattie is still with
you - I shall also
ask when the funeral
took place and where
the body was laid to
rest - Give my best
love to all -

Very Sincerely
Your friend
Walter Deane.

work.

9 When was his first publication on Salix?

When you write, will you please return this letter, and number each answer - ~~I~~ I can grasp it better -

It will be a great help to me, for who knows the life, the pleasures and the trials of our dear Mr. Bebb's life better than you?

10. When did he begin to suffer from ill health?

But I will not ask any more questions now, My sketch will be in

was peacefully passed
on to his rest. His mind
seemed to be dwelling
on his beloved millions
to the last, for in the
wondering which came
in the last few hours he
said to one, that he wished
he was in the corner with
Salip Correlata as one of
his sons has well said,
"He felt that his father
was now face to face with
with more of his botanical
friends than he ever
enjoyed in life, and
untrammelled by the restric-
tions of earthly things was
enjoying the fullest and

Rockford
Dec 18 '90

My Dear Mr Deane,

First of
all let me thank you
for the kindly, loving
words you have spoken
of him who was so dear
to his family, and the
sympathy you have
shown us in our great
sorrow. For almost a
year Mr Bobb has been
feebler in health.
Being that we had

collected during the
summer and autumn
but this time there was
no improvement, so that
when I started for Cal-
ifornia it was with a
very sad heart and
great anxiety for me
all felt that there
was little if any hope
of his return. Still we
felt that the journey
must be taken if only
to gratify him. In the
... .. so courageous
and hopeful and took
his work with him
in anticipation of

writing some more on
the work which now
remains uncompleted.

His mind was just
as clear to the last and
though he never took
up his pen but once
after reaching Californ-
ia he dictated letters
which were full of hopes
and plans for the future.

He stood the journey
better than I anticipated
and for a time seemed
a little stronger and
then grew weaker and
weaker but without
pain or suffering. ended

cloves & the heavenly
kisses with them.

I presume by this time
you have received the
little sketch which
he wrote out for Poor
Sargent last summer.

If there are any more
sketches which we can
give you we shall be
glad to do so for we
feel that it is fitting
that you should have
this tribute to him.

Perhaps you knew re-
v. Mr. Trice married,
his first wife dying in

1864. We were married
in Providence Feb 19th
1867. There are three
children two boys and
one girl by the first
wife and 4 boys and
two girls of ours. Six
boys of which the father
was so proud and
manly boys they are
but I think mother
was the pride of his
heart and from child
she is sadly afflicted
We had all enjoyed
my husband's conver-
sation so much and

felt such an interest
in botanical matters
that we shall feel
that we can never
give it up without
grieve.

Sincerely I am
Mrs Anna E. Bebb

Chicago Ill. Dec. 18th. 1895

Walter Deane

Dear Friend:

Your wish to write of our dear father, is of course much appreciated by all of us, for we feel that one who loved him as you did will give him a tribute that will be a comfort to us. I read his notes on his life, which brother Will will send to you, and it seemed to me that the interest that might center in his "school for the study of Willows" was not as fully set forth as it might be.

In the early seventies I remember his interest in the willows beginning from the discoveries he made in the willow patch as we called it; the patch I should think was four or five acres in extent and one mass of what became his favorite study. I can well remember his talking of the hybrids and how interested he became in them. Thus the circumstance of the patch being near him determined him in the study of his future years. You may have from his own pen all this tells you of his first start in the willows.

Yours very truly

Edwin Bebb

Lauderdale Wis.

Aug- 4- 1895-

My dear Mr. Deane:-

I Do you know that I commenced a number of letters to you last winter but as I did want to send you a good one and was so conscious that my attempts fell far short - I never mailed them -

My mother has told me how when a child I would stand up in a chair and tell the smaller children about me, using appropriate

you that: he and mother are seriously considering going to California next winter - We are so in hopes that the quick disease can be arrested - The cold the took when he came from the north seems to have left his lungs in an exhausted, weakened - and the germ as so weakened that the exercise necessary to keep up his general health is almost impossible - the boys with their hands at his back - help him up the stairs and on the

gestures, that botany was
the greatest thing in the
world - and I should
no doubt ^{have} defined a
botanist as a man with
my superior intelligence
and as I have had
nothing to shake my
belief I still hold them
somewhat in awe. Yet
my love and admiration
for a few that I have
known has taken me
nearer to them than
I ever dared hope to be.
To you, my dear Mr.
Dean we all feel a
sense of gratefulness
for bringing so much
happiness and pleasure

into Father's life; nor that - the two
are as to say my little little heart - cannot
any longer ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~after~~ ^{after} on the part -
After this almost cheer him - and
I ^{shall} never forget this face as it looked
when the calm from the south last
smile: ~~and~~ ^{and} took up shortly after
entering the house. Since and Mrs.
Pounds tells me ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~house~~ ^{house}.
It touched him and was met to
all of me -

One - perhaps do not know how we
pass Sabbath in this apartment. We are
very busy now. We perhaps have told

level he can make
his way quite well.
The day I came up
here. - Three weeks ago
he walked perhaps a
half mile to meet me.
Knowing of course he
could ride back. - but
I have not known
of any ^{his going} distance since.
He lies down excepting
when he eats and
miles - and lately he
has spent quite a
little time in the
morning writing on
his "autobiography".
Do you know that I
plan now to study

Father gave me some more ago -
It would suit me what I
ridely desired I also told him
that I felt me more secure now
but when any one is so good to
me as you threatened to be - I
must be some small way to keep
the ~~my~~ ^{my} good so I really only need you
the ~~best~~ ^{best} - just as it is -
I hope you will write to me -
It will not shake me feel quite
well - kind love to Mrs. Deane
I am very sincerely your friend
Mattie Pratt

at a kindergarten
training school in
Chicago next winter.
I enjoyed so much
my work last winter
though I had to do
it as I could for I
was a house keeper too.
I was at least able to
realize the extent of
the study and shall
go into it next winter
willing to begin at the
bottom and profit
by a thorough ground-
ing in main
principles. then I
shall attempt and
hope to grow.
I have just finished

reading Spencer's "Education" - in one
way as I have many to my studies -
and in another a tendency
to gather in topics under the
above named theory I gathered
last year.

Now I am playing.

Perhaps the impression at the
beginning of my letter was good
for me. for I do not take a
great deal of pleasure from sitting
there smiling and thinking of
you and Mrs. Deane.

Rockford Ill.

Dec 6th 95

My Dear Mr. Deane.

For fear that
you have not already
been informed and
pursuant with a wish
of my Sister Mattie I
drop you this line to
say that my Father

died at San Bernardino
yesterday.

Poor Mattie, Father's
favorite child is
heart broken and I
do so wish that so
kind and dear a
friend as you have
been might be near
to comfort her but
distance interferes.

The telegram is the only
news that I have but I
will write you more in
a few days

Very sincerely yours

Carrie Beall

980 Grand Ave

Rockford

Dec 16th. 1890

My Dear Mr. Dean.

Mother desires,
pursuant with your request, that I
send you the enclosed sketch of
Fathers life which he made last
Summer.

He wrote it by request of
Prof Sargent. to accompany the
work on Arborescent Willows that
he did this summer.

I also enclose Prof Sargents draft,
that you may not in your
selection to closely follow his sketch.

The clipping from a local paper
may perhaps help you some.

Mother, Mattie and all are

resting as well as is possible
with the shadow of so great a
sorrow hanging over us.

Your kind words are a
comfort to us as they have always
been to Father and we hope
that they may continue to come as
of old.

Very Truly Yours

Wm. B. B. B.

980 Grant Ave

Rockford, Ill.

My dear Mr. Dineen

I write on a separate sheet that it may not reach Mother's eyes to say to you that in giving a sketch of Father's life if you would pay a tribute to Mother we children would appreciate it.

We feel that to her constant devotion and self sacrifice as much as to his own ability was Father's success due.

You can not realize as we children do how much she has endured for his sake and I feel that she deserves ours her something, for she spoke through Father.

She not only watched over him as a child, reared the large family of nine children, did most of the housework alone and furnished the capital for Father to carry on his work but besides

helped him in his botanical work -
 always encouraging him and
 interesting herself in his studies -
 How few people really know what
 Father and Mother have done for the
 science

For Father ever since I have known
 him has been working for it
 He gave his labors - he gave his
 means and he gave his life -
 He died a poor man, but the
 inheritance he has left us is one that
 can not be estimated with worldly goods.

I suppose he has written you much
 of his home life but someday I
 would like to tell you it from the
 stand point of his child.

Yours Sincerely
 Louisa Peck

Rockford, Ill

Dec 26, 1896

My Dear Mr Deau.

From your questions we infer that perhaps the notice you are writing is to be more, than the brief sketch that we expected it to be and consequently Mother, Mattie and myself thought to add some items which may be of interest to you even if they will be of help in your article.

Father has written very little in his sketch of his life here in Rockford and as you can perhaps imagine it was one of the most important and pleasant epochs in his life.

He was much courted by the influential society people of the town but due to his retiring nature and finer sensibilities shrunk from their advances and lived a very quiet and

retired life surrounded, however, by a few intimate friends.

In the town he had but one real gentleman friend but numbered among his acquaintances several ladies - These were all of the true and trusted sort and mourn his loss almost as members of the family.

He never entered into public life except to serve a term of eight years on the school board and an equal length of time on the library board.

His disposition was such that I am sure he would have preferred to not undertake these tasks, but from a sense of duty he entered into them with all his energy and soul; and I think to him as much as to any one man is due the present standing of the public schools of Redford - second to

none in the state they now stand
on the accredited list of many of the
eastern colleges.

It was during his administration
that a movement was started by
which a new and central high school
was built and equipped, - many of the
old ward schools torn down and
replaced by better lighted structures, -
new teachers were engaged, - corporal
punishment abolished, - examinations
not required of pupils above a certain
standing, and many other radical
changes were made.

On the library board he worked hard also.

The garden surrounding the home here
while not extensive has been a
source of interest to us all. It is his
creation solely, unaided except by the
members of the family.

Besides the numerous hardy shrubs and perennials, all of the pretty native shrubs and plants have been introduced into the rock work and appropriate places.

It also includes a collection from the Arnold Arboretum and others.

In his botanical work you are no doubt as familiar from his writings as it is possible to tell you, however, I will add -

He was ~~so~~ careful in his mounting almost to a fault and I am sure I never saw more carefully and beautifully mounted specimens than his are.

They are all on the usual herbarium paper - in marked green covers and encased in walnut cabinets about three by five feet in dimensions - There are ~~sixteen~~ of these cases in all.

His general collection includes nearly all

of the species listed in the old Gray manual
with valuable additions from East of Good
Hope and Europe - It numbers or
estimate about 50,000 specimens besides
the Salix

His willows are contained in his cabinet
which are in a convenient spot
separate from the rest

you no doubt are aware that
Father was a member of the
Philadelphia, Buffalo and Chicago
Academies of Science. He was elected a
fellow of the A.A.A.S. of the
Botanical section but from the expense
incurred was unable to join.

He has been seriously hampered all these
years by a lack of funds. We have
tried to imagine what he might have
done if he had only possessed the means
to travel - to make collections - meet other
botanists and all the while to be free

from the worry of where the food and clothing for himself and wife and nine little ones was to come from.

You know of his little microscope that he has done so much work with?

It is such a one as would cost in the market today about five dollars.

The ordinary high school boy would have felt insulted if asked to work with it and yet all of his fine drawings were made by the aid of this instrument and an ordinary pocket lens.

He at one time did a great deal of work and made many notes on the ~~Juncus~~ but never published the results of his investigations.

He told me last summer that there probably was no man living that knew as much about the group as he did.

Besides his ~~study~~ study and collections.

in Botany he at one time made a study of Conchology and has stored away quite a sizeable collection -

Although he made no pretension to knowledge of the subject he was a geologist of no small ability -

Lepidoptera, Coleoptera, in fact in every branch of natural history he was more or less familiar with.

How he could accurately translate Latin French and German descriptions, without ever studying to any extent any one of these languages was always a mystery to me.

His was a master mind!

His powerful intellect was a wonder and amazement to us all and yet he was the simplest, kindest father that children ever knew.

As I said before he gave his labors

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and life to the science but he did not neglect his family and although he died a comparatively poor man he has left an inheritance which can not be estimated by worldly gold.

Mother has answered the questions you sent as fully as she was able.

Father never told us very much about his antecedents and never said very much about his first wife.

and so perhaps you can excuse any seeming deficiency of knowledge.

Yours Very Truly
Wm. B. R.

3 In 1859 The whole family left
Fountaindale - Father moved to Southern
Illinois. (Maum County) where he lived
a few months and then moved to
Springfield Ills. - He lived in S.
until 1860 when he went ^{to} Washington.
His father & mother went to Knoxville
Tenn. where grandfather (his father)
practiced law. He was also interested
in a Welsh colony which they were
endeavouring to found on the
mountains of Eastern Tennessee.
at the outbreak of the war they were
obliged to abandon their home
losing everything - all their personal
property - They then moved to
Washington - Lincoln giving grandfather
a position in the Patent Office

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Wilmington, Del., Dec. 26 1895

My dear Mr. Deane

The first I knew of our lamented Rebb was while he was still residing in Illinois. He made an exchange or two of specimens and then he came to Washington where his father's family was and soon obtained a position in the Pension Office. While in Washington his first wife died. I think he was married twice afterwards. In 1863 he came to see me and I took him to my botanical haunt in New Jersey and down the Delaware peninsula.

I have a great many of his letters written in the winter and later and these would give you much information which I cannot now give. Shall I send them to you?

He was, as you know, a most enthusiastic botanist and a most lovable man; and laying the willows aside, he did more in systematic botany than most people knew. All was freely given to others and was not always acknowledged.

Thanks for your kind inquiries. I am pretty
well and very old. I hope you are flourishing
in every way. With best wishes for the new
year I remain

Yours truly

Wm. L. Lundy

LAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY.

Lake Forest, Ill., December 23, 1898.

My dear Deane:

I know very little about Mr. Bobb's herbarium excepting ~~that~~
for years he has done little or nothing to it excepting in the Salix por-
tion. This part of it he has kept up to the end, and in my judgment it
stands as the most important collection of the genus in this country. I
have not seen his most recent MSS. on Salix, but his wife told me that he had
been working at it all his spare time and had a great many notes. She
said that there were only a few points that he wished still to clear up.
Aside from his formal notes his herbarium sheets are jotted over with his
opinions in such a way that they will be very clear to his editor. This
final revision, you understand, was for the proposed "Flora of North America."

The funeral was a very quiet one, conducted at the house with only a
few relatives and friends present. Since Mr. B's removal from Fountain-
dale to Rockford he was in bad health, and being of a very retiring dispo-
sition he lived too quietly to become largely acquainted in Rockford. Those
who were present expressed the warmest admiration for the man, not only on
his social side, but also on his intellectual side. I do not know what
disposition is to be made of his herbarium. His family said that they

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wished to consult me later with reference to it. I have in mind that their purpose has not been formulated.

Yours sincerely,

John M. Coulter.

Dictated.

Chas. E.

Holliston

San Bernardino Cal.

9 Dec., 1895

My dear Sir:-

I am sorry that the first occasion that I have to write to you should be a sad one. But it is my task to communicate to you, at the request of Mrs. Bell, the news of the death of your friend, her late husband, which occurred at this place on the morning of the fifth of the present month. It is some consolation to be able to add that his last days were painless, except for the weariness of exhaustion,

and that the final party was calm and peaceful. We enjoyed till the last few hours the entire possession of his mental faculties, and then his mind wandered from the things about him and the occasional sentences that he uttered indicated that his thoughts had gone back to his former studies. "I have been over in the corner, studying Salix cordata," he said to his wife.

He seemed throughout his sickness the devoted care of his wife, and they were with friends who were glad to do all in their power to make them forget that they were strangers in a

strange land.

Mrs. Beebe's eldest son came on for her, and they started last night for Chicago, where they will arrive on the evening of the twelfth. The interview will be at Rockford.

I am,

Very truly yours

Saml. P. Parikh.

Mr. Walter Deane
5 Bowdoin Place
Cambridge, Mass.

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PEABODY MUSEUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

F. W. PUTNAM,
Permanent Secretary.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS, Dec.24, '95

Mr. Walter Deane,

My dear Sir:-

Professor Putnam wishes me to give you the information
that the first Springfield meeting was held in the year 1859.

Respectfully yours,

G. H. Mead,

Secretary to Professor Putnam.

to save the 1st, I am sure
part of life taken
away. It is not to be
confronted with all the
consequences. Mr. Webb
never to my knowledge
comes in touch with
any one. I understand
there are no letters from
him to be found. In a
note on Mr. Webb had
written, above that he
was to send a check of
\$10,000 to him. I am
Dr. Gray. I am sure you
know that as Mr. B
studied deeper into the

subject he pitied very much
identified with Indian
realization. The 2nd
visions in regard to
the state which have
troubled you, as I was
unable to definitely
decide about them I
sent word to Chicago
where Mr. Webb lives
and that is the
only member of the
family now living
I am if I could find
out what you wanted
to know. This was first
married in the spring
of 67 on Base Mass and

In a letter from Prof. Dugliss
of Lebanon, N. H. just coming
he speaks of the "fracturing of
botanists." I think I have
realized more fully in the
past few months than ever
before, and I feel so grateful
for all the kind words that
have been written me.

Mr. Beebe was a strong believer
in immortality, and felt
that the higher the ^{life} he
lived here the higher the
life hereafter. I can but
feel that his life beyond
must be a glorious one.

I wish very much there
was something of my
husbands you would like
to hear. I enclose from
old correspondence.

Rockland

Jan 3/96

My Dear Mr. Deane.

Thank you
very much for the kindly
remembrance of me and mine.

I am very much pleased
with the Librarian's very
Dear Husband and feel
glad to send such a tribute
to his friends. I find my
self so often asking how
he would be pleased with
things and I am sure he
would have no cause to
find fault with this. The
picture is very fine and
we are all so glad of it.

The only criticism I would
make on the article, I you
will allow me to make
is, that you gave too much
credit to Mrs M L B. -

I have been looking over the
herbarium and it has brought
many pleasant associations

When we came from Washington
but few of the plants in the
herb. were mounted and I
helped to arrange them for
mounting. It was my first
lesson in that work. There
are many plants we collected
together, walking over

Over the prairie for an Eastern
girl could not but be en-
thralled over the beautiful
Indian flora. There are
curios which he gathered
in bunches and brought

home. When I was recovering
from an illness in '71, and
I lay in the bed helped
him to strengthen and organize

One Indian we went along
to Landerdale and gathered
shrubs and herbs for the garden
and plants to press. His last
collection was made in Florida
and he seemed as enthusiastic
about it as a boy. Some of them
he mounted but others still
remain in his portfolios so
he left them. It will al-
most break my heart to
have the herbarium go out
from the home still if it is
the best thing for it. I should
prefer to see it go to Harvard
as I know his sympathies
were more with that school
of botany than any other

Botanical Papers or some
things that might serve
as a remembrance. Does
Salix rostrata now I believe
grow near you. While
familiar with the names
of millions I do not know
but few of them growing.

We want to plant it
in the cemetery, but as
I feel that I shall have
to depend on friends &
carriers. Perhaps you
can tell me from whom
I could get them.

With much regards to
Mrs Deane and yourself
thanks for all your kindness
to me
Sincerely Mrs W. S. Pott

Rockford
May 26/90

My Dear Mr Deane.
Thank
you very much for
the trouble you took
to get and send me
the cuttings. I have
put them in a flower
pot and will make
them grow if possible.

It seems as if we were
in midsummer. The
month of May has been
so warm and the flowering
of the shrubs and plants

is fully dried much
earlier than usual.

Uncle Will came from
Bebb's garden today as
usual, but we miss his
care of it very much.

I left this morn-
ing for the present
thinking that when
I went into Chicago
I would see Dr. Coulter
and talk with him
about it.

The Mr. Bebb you
mention was Mr. Emanuel
Bebb my husband's only
brother, and six years
his senior. He died
in Rockford in Jan 1874.
His kind regards to Mrs
Deane. Sincerely Mrs A B Bebb

Chicago. Give my
kindest regards to
Mrs Deane

Yours respectfully

Wm. M. Webb

Brookfield
Jan 26-1890

My Dear Mr Deane.

I am so
glad that you could
make the sketch of Mr
Webb's life for I can
that no one of his
Boltonian friends
better knew or ap-
preciated him. While
fond of his work it
was after all his home

his family and friends
that were the great
delight of his life and
it grew stronger with
years. When away from
us if only for a short
time he wrote back
to the family every
day. It is pleasant
to feel his influence
all through the home
but there is such a
vacant place that
all feel sad who
enter here. I thank
you very much for
your kind letter

I appreciate them very
much. While in California
I met Miss Portione
who told us that
it was due to your
help and encourage-
ment that she had
become a Botanist.
She was living this
winter at Redlands
and collecting plants.
Maebe spent last
Sunday with me but
is back on her work
now. She is at
6347 Stewart Ave

Millboro N. H.

Dec 8. 1844

My Dear Mr Deane.

Accept my
warmest thanks for your
Christmas remembrance.

I think often of my
husbands old friends,
and the sight of their
familiar hand smiling
is a pleasure to me.

Our Christmas festivities

are not the same as in
years past. and this
time I have deserted
the old home to come
East and pass the
Holidays season in New
York State with my
daughters, and I have
enjoyed with the little
folks their merry Christmas
the country in Northern
New York is not so
pleasant as in summer
but the mountains

remain as grand as
ever and has a contrast
with our level, plains
a great decided
time upon. I trust
that your health
remains good, that
you had a merry
Christmas, and that
a happy New Year will
be yours. With kind
regards to Mrs Deane

Respectfully

Mrs M. E. Deane

EDWIN BEBB

ATTORNEY AT LAW

ROOM 36, 115 MONROE STREET

CHICAGO March 4th.1896.

My dear Mr.Deane,

The copy of the memorial of my father that you sent me I shall cherish because of the love you have born toward him. I like your tribute to him very much indeed .I can hardly imagine it being improved on. Your selections from his letters are very happy, and illustrative of traits of character, which to us, his children, are very dear. During the time of the financial troubles which you mention there was no money to expend on Christmas gifts, but with his own hands he made for each one of the children then in the family a gift that was as good or better than the purchased ones. The one I received, I have still, a little tool box covered with sheep skin, it is priceless to me now. Silver and gold cannot buy what is there represented. Thus love never let Christmas fail us. Some day I shall hope to see the dear friend of my father, either here, or in Boston.

Sincerely yours

Edwin Bebb

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- 980 Grant Ave
December The Eighteenth
1895

Father loved you my
dear Mr. Deane. - You
brightened the year of
his acquaintance with
you so much by your
frequent happy letters
and unexpected

"Thoughtful messages"

It brought you very
near to us all. -

I am so sorry you
never visited us in
our home - here. - You
can hardly realize
what our father was

to Mrs and Mrs. Parikh for the tender
loving care they showed father and
you the old and aged sympathizing so
unobtrusively give our mother -
Mother said her one wish was to
have been.

Dear Mr. Parikh - when Father passed
away the friends too called to see me
and pleased them upon this treat.
I shall be with always for it.

It was so hard for me to leave father
with a but mind. - unable to keep at the
best receive no talk to day - think of

To me all - His beautiful
character was ~~our~~
inspiration - to meet
his approval our constant
aim.

Dr. Kerr, our minister,
said to my aunt
yesterday "Some one
told me not one of Mr.
Betts boys had a bad
habit; neither smoked
nor drank - and that
he never told them
not to" No father, never
Heat. I can remember
told us not to do. He
simply placed our confidence
in us - and it was
hard to disappoint him.
My close companionship

with my father was my dear to me -
I was always too much away from him.
Now I feel as this week I should be home with
all my life - I really hope - the influence
of his precious memory can help to make
the old man clearly the real meaning
of life - and live up to it -
Mrs. Parole said: he told her in a
suburban a few days before he left - "Life
is service" - I know he realized that
well she fulfilled one of his favorite
"truths" -
The old man came to be grateful

how hard it must have
 been for your father -
 Mother is so weak and
 shivering for us - and I
 hope ~~we~~ ^{our} love can
 comfort her - Father
 loved her so devotedly -

Father's wish your body
 was laid tenderly away
 last Friday after noon.
 Everything was done that
 loving hearts could prompt.
 His six sons took the body
 from the house. It was
 hard but so tender.

Father enjoyed his
 family life and work
 so much that we regret
 he could not have lived

at least eight years more.
He would have been only
sixty two next Monday -
yet as you say "God's ways
are not our ways." How
firmly Father believed
the higher the life lived
here - the higher the
life here after.

We would like so much
to hear from you Mr.
Deane when your
your busy life can
find a little time
for us. - Mother and I
are both interested in
you and to any thing
in the botanical

would go along as usual, substituting to mother.
Mother, I know has written to you.
probably something I have repeated.
but I wanted to write to you to night.
It is important to me to do what
Father was always proud I might
know the privilege of doing.

Please give my kindest love to

Mrs. Deane - sincerely yours -
Frederick
Mattie Beth

6340 Stewart Ave.
Mar. 6 - 1896

My dear Mr. Deane

I cannot realize
as I look over the pages
of your article that
Father's life has been
lived. - That a sketch of
his life work can be
given. - We are all
pleased, very much
pleased - With what
you have so feelingly
so truly so well written
and glad that you
did it. - For your name

associated with Father's
things to all of us.
pleasant happy recollection
The description of one
of our Christmas
mornings I never
heard before. It was
just exactly like us.
We feel grateful to you
for for the small time
trouble you paid to
mother. Father would
have done it.

I shall always prize
this copy and send me.
With kind love to Mrs.
Deane. Very sincerely
your friend Mattie Burt

often has these Christmas trees just come
in and the parents were to ask you
I am glad to be so kind. we do and
have as you did to me. you will
write. and we are - We would
like to see the picture to hand it
up to you. B. B. B.

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980 Grant Ave.
July 2-1897

My dear Mr. Drann.

You always spoke of your mother with such tenderness and affection. That I always said that I could just feel her motherliness. As Miss Bryan, one of our teachers, said, "I never feel nearer to my own than I do in the presence of a true mother".

Mother and I. - Mr. Drann. do sympathize with you - in your

and have advantage of being near a place. Where I can hear lectures. I would like to study biology next year at the University of Chicago. It would be a help in my work.

Our plans are not at all definite. The place to be at I am undecided. The month of August. Though this prime matter may. Every one

off -

sorrow. How sad but how
sweet to have been with
her - around her to the
last.

I was very glad to hear
from you again. I
quite share your
interest in ornithology.
I want so much to
know more. I am out
often with my field
glass. - and have
looked upon our common
birds. - but I cannot
seem to make the
bird in the tree match
the bird in the book.

No I cannot name what I see well. but
I get a great deal of pleasure out of
it. I am going to take a half dozen
field teemers this month. and all I
can get a better start. I wish I
could be near you. and go with the
mode and fields with you.
Oh. I have promised my course.
at Anniston quite late. - and I am
just ready to begin. - I am in hopes
I turning a position in Chicago

Mother is very well.
We are negotiating our
days to get together - for
through the year I
was so busy. that
though we tried
to get together we were quite
separated.

Dad has opened a
dental office in
Chicago and in his
letter this morning ^{said}
"My first months
work. far exceeded
my expectations."

There is a better one. That if I write me to
look at it. - Dad says I may do it.
Mother will send this book to you
some time this summer.

There is a rambling letter Mr. Deane.
Dad. I may do it. and may do
it. I will do it. I think I will do it.
Dad. Deane. and hope you will
have a very pleasant summer.

Mother says me to Mr. Deane and I must

Very sincerely Mother Deane and I must

He was quite busy, and
at least feels encouraged.
The two youngest boys
are here, enjoying
their vacation.

Mother wants me to
ask you if you would
not like to have Father's
"Willow Book". The one
he used and prized,
and just before he
went west had it
bound so it would
stand the racks. Better

Mother says "Mr. Drake
will prize it as much

as any one". It is closely associated
as you know if much with Father
and we must give to have something
that we were to have.

The microscope is in the room,
where I am writing. I and I are in

father's study. They are with cord. Just
as the sized if where the great array.
Mother asked me if I would not
like to keep it. But it is so bad to
me to think that. Father could never

Rochester, N.Y.,
Dec. 1897.

My dear Mr. Drake.

This is the one
season of the year when
I take the pleasure of
letting you know that
I think of you -

I am going to send
you and Mrs. Drake
a picture taken in our
back yard by an
amateur photographer
one day last July -
You may look at it

I am sure - for we could not keep it
in, since both were and the birds
better when the "correspondence" at
least the "season" over - we are self-
conscious and only to whom they
were sent. - There were a good many
of them - and I am sure much of the same
they always brought. -
- have all the more for the holidays
and enjoy being in the old home
again. I truly sincerely yours,
M. Drake

and receive the message
it bears with it; - my
love and wishes that
you may have a
Happy Christmas ---
and that you may
put it away -

My whole being strains
to reach you as I
write these lines
and I want to keep
on - My father's
friends. Those he loved
will always be dear

to me: and I like to know where to find
- do not suppose you have tried
- I wish the Journal had not been
sent to the Anti-Slavery - Socy.

While I write you see the west of the
week. As being the "last" - and I
will be sleeping to-morrow -

It is very hard to see if go - my
if needed to be a true old friend
receive the right kind of care - and

My dear Mr. Drake:-

The Calendar
with the Christmas
greeting from you
added to my happiness
on Christmas day -
and I will take it
to bed with me and hang
it in my room -
where I will see it
each day and
enjoy the smile

which is happy now. -

I shall think of you through the
coming year - and wish much
to be able to tell you and Mr.
Drake - I may to write some day to
my sweetest

Walter Drake

Dec 27. 1897 -

980 Spruce St. - N.Y.

associations.

Father and Mrs. Rands
thru our prayers. make
me very happy and
at the same time
are sad. For they
make me want my
father to know that
our friends delight
in him was so
large that if he as
included me - and
held me -

He tries to gather - and read a real
Christian near three of his men. For the first
time since father left. He always
thinks a great deal of a morning
the day. He finally gathered - and
we tried to be as we used to - but
without children - and sitting
father. - me self - some thing gone -
but not one of us said so to -
the other. - And the day was

Dear Mr. Deane:-

There is one
thing I want to ask
you in regard to
Arthur's taking up
the work he has
written you of -
and the progress of the
program from
a practical stand-

have present - upon doing - at the
same time the earnest effort
to give up what he now
has with it - are pretty
so in doing the program is
from my old friend -
and although I realize
you cannot - are not the

point. - The success
in the material
direction depends,
of course, upon
what he is able to
do in it. - At the
same time I want
to know what you
think the general
prospects are - for
average ability. -
He is dependent.

upon what he makes. and may
be successful in the work if he
is happy in it. - He had quite
a good position for a young
man now. Imp. the above was
just it is one matter of this
great university and is great too. -
I am anxious to have
Arthur do what he does not

question is specifically -
I only want to
know what you
think. - I only
hope I am not
troubling you too
much -

Yours very sincerely
Martha Bebb

430 N. Main Street
Kalamazoo
Mich.

Oct. 17, 1895

Kalamazoo
Mich.

My dear Mr. Drann:-

What a
kind friend you
are:- and how
much I at times would
appreciate your
effort in our behalf!

You perhaps can
guess my position:-
as regards my

brothers. - and I
really try to be
equal to the task
of a helpful advisor.
so that they will
come to me. often
but because of
my inadequacy
I had to call
upon some one
and it was you!
and I thank

you very much for your
love and interest.

responding. - I have not
an added thought - or in
a very life -

Write - Love to Mrs. Starns

Yours very sincerely
Metta Beth.

Dec-22-1898

436 W. Main St. -

My dear Mr Deane.

I have just
read your letter and
am so pleased with
the thought that I
am going to have a
book which you selected
for me. - That I can-
hardly wait to receive.

With a kind regards for me
we that way -

With love and a happy
New Year to my dear Mr.
and Mrs Deane.

Martha Bell

Dec 30. 1895

Chicago -

It will be forwarded to
me soon. and I know
I shall enjoy - the book -
and the sweet-associations
You are very kind
to remember me in
this way. and I
do appreciate it -

My brothers and I
spent Christmas at
our sister's (Mrs. Henck)

and we had a very pleasant
happy day. and the sight we
sawed us there. we were glad
to hear we with the other
water. -

I am going to write to you
again when I hear from
you back. . . . I am always
delighted with any thing

My dear Mr. Deane: -

The book you sent me, speaks so truly and tenderly of the one who sent it. - I have read some of the stories and as I read and reread I shall always enjoy the book delightful association with my dear Mr. Deane. -

and are growing to like my own reproductive and sketches better - as I realize more and more their possibilities - and am able to make some of their demands with less friction - and perhaps waste of energy -

I was very glad to hear from you of Arthur's possible prospects - He certainly is in torn state

The animals do meet a
tragic end. but the
tales are interesting.
because they are natural
and wholesome - a
relief from the overdose
of sentimentality which
pre dominates in most
stories of the kind -

There is true sentiment
in these stories. and
the sympathy aroused
is not forced -

As you know I think that - I need to
go back to Alabama this year
but not as a kindergarten in
Belial could - with the
children - which I regret. but to
take charge. in general
supervision. of the work. while
there needed to the repair.
of a kindergarten in my
school district. - I am of
course attracted to the work

the work - and with Mr.
and Mrs. Manning -

He is determined as you
say - and often repeats
the quotation "It's dogged
that does it" -- We are
all very anxious for his
success and happiness --

You have been kind to
write to -- we appreciate it
and I know he does too.

Clear over minister
at the People's Church in

Sincerely too -

With love to mother for Mr.
Stearns and yourself --

Very sincerely yours, James
Mather Beth

132 S. Madison Avenue

St
George,

Me.

Dec. 29, 1899.

Kalamazoo - Mr. Ernest
Smith from Framingham,
Mass. - called on me
last week to tell me
that he had written to
father - and knew you.
I think, - having met
you while attending
the Harvard Divinity
School - He seems
interested in plants
birds - and nature in

general - without - being a species
lover. I of any one branch -
He is more interested as a minister
in general teaching - in science
and dress - and we all like
him very much in the field.
Now - I should like to hear
from you - and I know I
shall see in a rather
indirectly - and I hope

[Dec. 1899]

430 W. Main Street
Kalamazoo

My dear Mr. Deane:-

What a delightful
surprise! The expressman
left at my door a
few days ago:- The
book is a beautiful one.
and just what I shall
enjoy reading. and I
can make use of

glad Father would have
seen it & are wished you
a happy Birth day to -
I am well you may
more. For my Father and
mother.

With best wishes for the
coming year to the Deane to -
Sincerely yours
Metta Beth

if in my work too —
you were so kind to
send it to me. and I
want to tell you again
how much I appreciate
it:

Mr. Rand wrote that
you celebrated recently
your fiftieth birthday
and many people of
note did you honor —

Now: when my father used
to call among the younger
naturalists: I cannot realize
the years are passing: but
how many years since
you have saved us those
years! I wish each added
year bring more pleasure: . .
I can only think of how

My dear Mr. Deane:

Arthur writes
me that you have
very kindly written
to him, in answer
to his letter concerning
the course he wants
to pursue next year.

I am very grateful
to you for helping
him in the way
that you can.

For me - my three auditions for
the success of this year under-
taking - are hardly in relation
to the condition that I am
in, ^{the} medi- - I did not like to
leave Chicago and get away
from the center of my dearest
work - on the other hand
I like to be in a quieter place

and leave do no. -

Mr. Deane. where
was I when I last
wrote to you? - I
cannot remember no. -

I want to tell you
that I am in

Kalamazoo no w. in
charge of the
kindergarten here.

(Three in number) and
because of the
universal interest

in their annual "Farewell Fair"
the schools have closed. - so it
leaves me to occupy myself
in any way I want. and
being an entire stranger I
am mostly by myself. - and
can read and write and
so keep from being homesick.
There is a very good opening

and solve my own
difficulties - -

Mother goes east
for the winter so you
see our family is
scattered but we all
hope to get to - get there
again at Lauderdale
next summer. -

I should just like
to hear from you
some day - so that -

I may know. I
have not lost track
of you altogether -
I should not like
to ever do that -

Please remember
me to Mr. Rand,
when you see him -
and tell him to you
and Mrs. Deane -

Your friend,

Martha Betts
430 West Main St.
October the sixth Kansas City - Mich.

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Reference to

Carey Bebb

Letter of Jan 3 - 1891 -

Good letter to read in

part
Jan. 4, + Dec. 2 / 91

Chicago, Ill.
Feb 27th 1896

Mr Walter D. ...

My dear Sir

At the time of
my father's death I still had
in my hands a specimen of
... which was collected some
time ago & saved for father as
he desired to mount it in his
herbarium. I was of course
proud & having found something
that he did not have & was
much pleased with the idea
of adding something to his herbarium.
For with me it was that he could
fragments to you for identification.
I wrote to him & read at
the time & your interest in the
plant together with your intimate
friendship for my father makes

Flower specimen Collected July 26th & labeled with leaf
and a related plant called Hale. Found a little later.

Just that some herbarium could
be the most fit place for any
specimen intended for my dear
Father.

Having heard of you so much
through Father, it seems strange
to me to be addressing you
in a letter. I hope
that some time you may be
passing this way & will have
the time to make me a visit
& spend a day with me in
some of my favorite collecting
grounds. I am sure we would
have become acquainted if we
could get out for a day's tramp
& a dinner of corn & potatoes
cooked in the sand.

Father took great pleasure in
such a days outing.

I send the specimen in this day's
mail.

Sincerely Your Robert Babb
1822-102nd Street Cat. Fla. 48
Chicago

Collected on R.R. & sold property of Chicago & St. Paul
then is coming - then is from guest in Chicago & St. Paul

Chicago, Ill.

Mar 5th 1896

My dear Mrs Deane.

The sketch of Father's life which you sent me I shall prize very highly as it comes from the hand of one whom he esteemed so highly as a friend.

He spoke of you so many times to me yet I never realized until after his death, when I was told that you had never met face to face but for a few moments.

I felt sorry because it seems as though it would have been a great pleasure to both of you to know the personal side of the other & feel the atmosphere of personal friendship. Father was I think especially great in his long life from his estimate & the influence of personal

contrast with some one of his
best & most original points.

I am doing a little botanical
work in the way of getting my field
notes in shape to be of help in a
new flora of this vicinity that is to
be published in a long.

Yours sincerely

Robert S. Sattler

1742-102nd Street

Chicago

Sub Sta 48.

Lq

1742 St. 102nd Ave.

Chicago Ill

Mar 18 1900

Mr Deane

Dear Friend

For some time
I have been thinking of writing
you but it has been so busy & so in
general & everything in such a
commotion, & plans are given
in the winter to Brown & Tracy
I have received one letter &
I am so glad that you
liked & enjoyed and have felt as
I did about it, and now I feel
it being adopted by most of the
vocalists of this region & it is really
very comforting for me to work
with them. They are very kind & S.
& Tracy.

I have the Brown & Brown Plan up
now & am very happy to hear of

Gray. Manual.

I have been working some at the Field Museum, when Father's herbarium is, comparing some things & have been helping them out on the flora of this region by drawing on my duplicates, & I intend to go on helping them to perfect the herbarium in so far as I can by working in this region.

I am surprised & I find that the local flora is not more fully & better represented than it is & I feel that I can not do better than help to perfect the herbarium that is largely made up of Father's life work.

To return to the subject of my letter, I find it so confusing to find every thing arranged so differently & in so many cases named differently that I made up my mind to write to you & ask your opinion as to the adoption of the new system.

I know you will understand why

I come to you with a question of
this kind & hope you will give
me a little free fatherly advice
just as Father would have done. He
lives today & saw things as they
are now.

Father thought the new departure
too radical & in many cases
illconceiving.

The family are all well
as usual.

Sincerely yours

Robert Beecher

P.S. I enclose some fragments & a
rough out line of an Emerson that
is troubling me. I have never seen
any thing with the root leaves of this
specimen. If it is *stigmurus* these root
leaves are a long way from the type.
The fragments are a stem leaf taken
close to the flower head, some ripe seeds

And are flowers. The root leaves are
in petioles about 3' long or more & the leaves
are some of them broader than this outline.

The specimen I have I collected on
the banks of the Pen. Ry. & is the only one
I have. Can you give me any
light. R.B.

Chicago, Ill.,
Mar 10, 1896.

My Dear Mr. Deane:-

In a letter from Mother, she says that you would be willing to send to any of us a copy of your tribute to our Father. May I kindly ask one of you upon which is written your autograph.

I cannot fully express to you my appreciation of the beautiful and sincere tribute you have paid our Father. I know it is written from the heart of one, who shall ever be remembered and associated in my mind as one of my Father's sincerest friends.

Yours sincerely,
Walter S. Bell.

6349 Stewart Ave.